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A 2016 STUNT BY THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE AGAINST IRAN

Read this wikipedia entry:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_Comprehensive_Plan_of_Action

> The **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action** known commonly as the **Iran nuclear deal** or **Iran deal**, is an agreement on the Iranian nuclear program reached in Vienna on July 14, 2015, between Iran and the P5+1 (the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council—China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States—plus Germany) together with the European Union.
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> Formal negotiations toward JCPOA began with the adoption of the Joint Plan of Action, an interim agreement signed between Iran and the P5+1 countries in November 2013. Iran and the P5+1 countries engaged in negotiations for the next 20 months and in April 2015 agreed on a framework for the final agreement. In July 2015 Iran and the P5+1 confirmed agreement on the plan along with the "Roadmap Agreement" between Iran and the IAEA.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_Comprehensive_Plan_of_Action#Denial_of_recertification

> The United States certified in April 2017 and in July 2017 that Iran was complying with the deal.
>
> On 13 October 2017 President Trump announced that he would not make the certification required under the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, accusing Iran of violating the "spirit" of the deal and calling on the U.S. Congress and international partners to "address the deal's many serious flaws so that the Iranian regime can never threaten the world with nuclear weapons".
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> Declaring that he would not certify the deal, Trump left it up to Congress whether to reimpose sanctions on Iran and "blow up" the deal. But Trump's aides sought to enact rules indicating how the United States could "reimpose sanctions", and Trump listed three items that could provide such a "trigger" for leaving the deal: Iran's intercontinental ballistic missile, Iranian rejection of "an extension of the deal's existing constraint on its nuclear activities", and "evidence that Iran could manufacture a bomb in less than 12 months". Trump described the deal as "one of the worst and most one-sided transactions the United States has ever entered into".
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> On 8 May 2018 the United States officially withdrew from the agreement after Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum ordering the reinstatement of harsher sanctions. In his May 8 speech Trump called the Iran deal "horrible" and said the United States would "work with our allies to find a real, comprehensive, and lasting solution" to prevent Iran from developing nuclear arms. The IAEA has continued to assess that Iran has been in compliance with JCPOA and that it had "no credible indications of activities in Iran relevant to the development of a nuclear explosive device after 2009" Other parties to the deal stated that they will work to preserve the deal even after the US withdrawal.

Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the deal, despite Iran appearing to comply with it, badly damaged the reputation of the USA as a global power that could be trusted by allies and enemies alike.

And the Universal House of Justice (UHJ), the supreme government body of the Baha'i Faith, didn't help matters much. Here is a message it sent out to various Baha'i leadership bodies in 2016, soon after the deal with Iran was established.

Click to access 2%20May%202016%20UHJ%20letter%20Doing%20Business%20With%20Iran.pdf

> As you are aware, following recent political developments, great interest is being expressed by the business community around the globe in establishing economic relations with Iran. Companies considering such developments are presumably bound to adhere to ethical business practices everywhere in accordance with both their national and international standards.
>
> You are asked to request your Offices of External Affairs to identify such companies—in collaboration with relevant government agencies, like-minded groups and other non-governmental organizations—and to develop strategies to approach them with a view to learn about their commitment to ethical standards in their businesses in Iran. As they gain greater insight into the social reality in that country, they will come to appreciate that these standards should include, for instance, eschewing any form of discrimination in their employment practices or their treatment of employees, be it against women or minorities. In this context the economic oppression of the Bahá'ís by the government of Iran can be brought to their attention. As these companies may naturally be looking to recruit hard-working, skilled and honest Iranian individuals to assist in establishing their businesses in Iran, the history of discrimination against graduates of the Bahá'í Institute for Higher Education could be explained to them.
>
> This initiative, carefully conducted and well-coordinated, in addition to the activities called for in the letter dated 5 February 2016 addressed to you, has the potential to have significant impact on the economic situation of the Bahá'ís of Iran and will also be appreciated by many as a contribution to the betterment of the condition of Iranian society as a whole.

THOSE IDIOTS!

The only thing that stunt would ever do, once the Islamic Republic of Iran found out about it, was renew persecution of the Baha'is living in Iran! And I can't help but wonder if part of the reason the nuclear deal was rejected by the Trump Administration was because Baha'is persuaded Trump and other Republicans that unless and until Iran totally legalized the Baha'i community in Iran, the nuclear deal was a bad idea. Even though the two issues are totally unrelated.

If I was an Iranian, even if I wasn't a Muslim, even if I was an atheist living there, I would HATE the Baha'is and their UHJ for the stunt they pulled against my country and would condemn the USA for withdrawing from the nuclear deal. There was no honor in that move! And the UHJ has NEVER said anything about what Israel has been doing to the Palestinians since the 1980s, has NEVER said anything about violations of human rights in general, but they scream about violations of the rights of Baha'is by Iran.

Oh, wait……

THE BAHA'I LEADERSHIP IS OBSESSED WITH MARTYRDOM!

Which would indicate to me that the UHJ's concern about the Iranian Baha'is is as fake as their religion itself.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS, PART FOUR

This is a continuation of my criticism of the Most Holy Book of Baha'ullah, the book of laws that is a foundational document of the Baha'i Faith. Here are the links to **Part One**, **Part Two**, and **Part Three**. And as before, I will include direct quotes from the book in **red bold** and my responses will be in *blue italics*. My source for this book is:

http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/kitab-i-aqdas/#r=ka_en-1

We have decreed that a third part of all fines shall go to the Seat of Justice, and We admonish its men to observe pure justice, that they may expend what is thus accumulated for such purposes as have been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye Men of Justice! Be ye, in the realm of God, shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves that have appeared in disguise, even as ye would guard your own sons. Thus exhorteth you the Counselor, the Faithful.

One of the most controversial features of the Baha'i Faith is that only men, not women, are allowed to serve on the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of the Faith, even though the Faith also claims to teach the equality of men and women. I already covered the issue of Baha'i sexism and thus hypocrisy here: https://dalehusband.com/2012/07/06/equality-of-the-sexes-not-in-the-bahai-faith/

Here we see why Abdu'l-Baha and those who followed him insisted on this restriction: Baha'u'llah referred to "Men of Justice", not "People of Justice". Indeed, thoughout the Kitab-i-Aqdas one would not get the impression that Baha'u'llah believed in the equality of the sexes at all. So one would wonder why Abdu'l-Baha would make gender equality a principle of the Faith.

Should differences arise amongst you over any matter, refer it to God while the Sun still shineth above the horizon of this Heaven and, when it hath set, refer ye to whatsoever hath been sent down by Him. This, verily, is sufficient unto the peoples of the world. Say: Let not your hearts be perturbed, O people, when the glory of My Presence is withdrawn, and the ocean of My utterance is stilled. In My presence amongst you there is a wisdom, and in My absence there is yet another, inscrutable to all but God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. Verily, We behold you from Our realm of glory, and will aid whosoever will arise for the triumph of Our Cause with the hosts of the Concourse on high and a company of Our favored angels.

Let it be noted that differences arose between Abdu'l-Baha and those who he condemned later as "Covenant breakers" after the death of Baha'u'llah, differences arose between Shoghi Effendi and those who he in turn condemned as "Covenant breakers" after the death of Abdu'l-Baha (including most of his own relatives), and differences also arose between the Baha'is after the death of Shoghi Effendi. Putting the matter before God and the revelations that were supposed to be from God did little to end the disputes that raged for years after they started. And if disputes among the Baha'is could not be resolved amicably, how can the rest of the peoples of the world find their differences resolved by Baha'i teachings?

O peoples of the earth! God, the Eternal Truth, is My witness that streams of fresh and soft-flowing waters have gushed from the rocks through the sweetness of the words uttered by your Lord, the Unconstrained; and still ye slumber. Cast away that which ye possess, and, on the wings of detachment, soar beyond all created things. Thus biddeth you the Lord of creation, the movement of Whose Pen hath revolutionized the soul of mankind.

Know ye from what heights your Lord, the All-Glorious, is calling? Think ye that ye have recognized the Pen wherewith your Lord, the Lord of all names, commandeth you? Nay, by My life! Did ye but

know it, ye would renounce the world, and would hasten with your whole hearts to the presence of the Well-Beloved. Your spirits would be so transported by His Word as to throw into commotion the Greater World—how much more this small and petty one! Thus have the showers of My bounty been poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness, as a token of My grace, that ye may be of the thankful.

Once again, we find Baha'u'llah making statements that are so redundant as to be tedious. I guess with such lame standards of writing as this, that might explain the ***tendency of the Universal House of Justice to be even more empty in its rhetoric*** *in recent times.*

The penalties for wounding or striking a person depend upon the severity of the injury; for each degree the Lord of Judgment hath prescribed a certain indemnity. He is, in truth, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. We shall, if it be Our Will, set forth these payments in their just degrees—this is a promise on Our part, and He, verily, is the Keeper of His pledge, the Knower of all things.

Baha'u'llah himself did not specify the details of punishment for acts of assault and battery, so it is assumed that matter is to be left to the Universal House of Justice, which is expected to legislate on all matters not specified in the writing of the previous Baha'i leaders.

Verily, it is enjoined upon you to offer a feast, once in every month, though only water be served; for God hath purposed to bind hearts together, albeit through both earthly and heavenly means.

This refers to the Nineteen Day Feasts, because Baha'i "months" are said to be 19 days long rather than varying from 28 to 31 like in the Gregorian calendar. In practice, at least in the Baha'i communities I was part of, the feasts are usually held on the weekend closest to the actual start of the Baha'i month. Feasts are divided into three parts, an Administrative portion in which messages from Baha'i institutions like the Universal House of Justice are usually read, a worship portion including reciting of prayers and readings of Baha'i writings and finally a social portion in which actual eating and drinking may be done. Most feasts exclude non-Baha'is; a feast intended to include them is called a "unity feast" and in this the administrative portion is omitted.

I actually found the administrative portion to be almost unbearable at times, because of having to listen to SO MUCH EMPTY RHETORIC from the Baha'i leadership.

Beware lest the desires of the flesh and of a corrupt inclination provoke divisions among you. Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of one body. Thus counseleth you the Pen of Revelation, if ye be of them that believe.

Good advice. Too bad many Baha'is did not listen to it. By the way, if you ever hear Baha'is claim that their Faith's community is fully united and that the "covenant breakers" are so few as to not matter at all, consider that even the majority of the Baha'is led by the Universal House of Justice are little more than a few million people scattered all over the world with almost no influence in their own homelands. What value is there in being united if you can't do anything useful? Christians are divided into thousands of sects, yet it remains the most popular religion in the world and Christian leaders like the Roman Catholic Pope still have a strong influence that the Universal House of Justice has never had.

Consider the mercy of God and His gifts. He enjoineth upon you that which shall profit you, though He Himself can well dispense with all creatures. Your evil doings can never harm Us, neither can your good works profit Us. We summon you wholly for the sake of God. To this every man of understanding and insight will testify.

Religion is for the sake of man, not for the sake of God. And God is not affected by us. Why not make religion all about man and toss any references to theism in the garbage can of history? That would end a lot of silly arguments about religion.

If ye should hunt with beasts or birds of prey, invoke ye the Name of God when ye send them to pursue their quarry; for then whatever they catch shall be lawful unto you, even should ye find it to have died. He, verily, is the Omniscient, the All-Informed. Take heed, however, that ye hunt not to excess. Tread ye the path of justice and equity in all things. Thus biddeth you He Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation, would that ye might comprehend.

God is the Creator of all life and thus should be remembered when hunting life. I'm sure Ted Nugent would love a passage like that. Question: Should there be a penalty for someone sending a dog or falcon to catch prey without a moment to…..pray?

God hath bidden you to show forth kindliness towards My kindred, but He hath granted them no right to the property of others. He, verily, is self-sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

But it is perfectly fine for the Universal House of Justice to get a large portion of the value of a dead person's estate, isn't it? At least Baha'u'llah denies that nepotism is a thing to accept….unless you are Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, of course. Exceptions to rules abound in this Faith.

Should anyone intentionally destroy a house by fire, him also shall ye burn; should anyone deliberately take another's life, him also shall ye put to death. Take ye hold of the precepts of God with all your strength and power, and abandon the ways of the ignorant. Should ye condemn the arsonist and the murderer to life imprisonment, it would be permissible according to the provisions of the Book. He, verily, hath power to ordain whatsoever He pleaseth.

Burning someone at the stake was a common punishment used in the Middle Ages of Europe, so Baha'u'llah recommending that in the 19th Century for the peoples of the world seems like a HUGE backward step. By making such a punishment for arson, he involves the principle of poetic justice. Likewise with executing someone in an unspecified manner for murder. But then Baha'u'llah offers life imprisonment as an alternative punishment. Maybe for murder, but for ARSON? Burning a house down is not nearly as troublesome as taking a life because it is easy to replace a house; that is what homeowner's insurance is for. You cannot replace a life; once a person is dead, he is gone and cannot be returned to life.

God hath prescribed matrimony unto you. Beware that ye take not unto yourselves more wives than two. Whoso contenteth himself with a single partner from among the maidservants of God, both he and she shall live in tranquillity. And he who would take into his service a maid may do so with propriety. Such is the ordinance which, in truth and justice, hath been recorded by the Pen of Revelation. Enter into wedlock, O people, that ye may bring forth one who will make mention of Me amid My servants. This is My bidding unto you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves.

Baha'u'llah himself had three wives because in Islam, the religion he was raised in, he was permitted to have up to four and as a member of Persian nobility he would have been expected to be polygamous. Baha'u'llah restricted Baha'is in the future to have no more than two wives (I can certainly see such a thing happening in the case of a man marrying two sisters, for example), but Abdu'l-Baha acting as the official interpreter of his father's writings claimed that only monogamy was actually permitted at all. That's not interpreting, that is CONTRADICTING! Then Baha'u'llah should have said, "Beware that ye never take unto yourselves more than one wife." He actually ALLOWED bigamy, though he also did not encourage it. Here we see Abdu'l-Baha asserting himself in a way to have more authority than his own father, the founder of the Baha'i Faith itself!

O people of the world! Follow not the promptings of the self, for it summoneth insistently to wickedness and lust; follow, rather, Him Who is the Possessor of all created things, Who biddeth you to show forth piety, and manifest the fear of God. He, verily, is independent of all His creatures. Take heed not to stir up mischief in the land after it hath been set in order. Whoso acteth in this way is not of Us, and We are quit of him. Such is the command which hath, through the power of truth, been made manifest from the heaven of Revelation.

It is a safe bet that Baha'u'llah would not have been a fan of Ayn Rand who was not only an atheist but championed selfishness as a way of living. For that, I'd send her and others like her to hell myself if I was God.

It hath been laid down in the Bayán that marriage is dependent upon the consent of both parties. Desiring to establish love, unity and harmony amidst Our servants, We have conditioned it, once the couple's wish is known, upon the permission of their parents, lest enmity and rancor should arise amongst them. And in this We have yet other purposes. Thus hath Our commandment been ordained.

The Bayan was the book of laws written by the Bab, the founder of the Babi Faith who was said to be the forerunner of Baha'u'llah, just as John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. But why would the Bab bother to reveal a book of laws for a religion only intended to last a few years, rather than merely order his followers, the Babi's to obey the laws of the Quran? Because of the Islamic dogma that Muhammad was the "Seal of the Prophets" which Baha'is interpret to mean that while lesser prophets like Elijah would not arise in the future, Messengers like Muhammad and Baha'u'llah would still come to establish new religions in the name of God. Thus the Bab had to be a Messenger of God in his own right, not a lesser prophet. Baha'is often refer to the Bab and Baha'u'llah as the "Twin Manifestations" (the term "Manifestation of God" being synonymous with Messenger).

As for marriage, it is strange to me that any religion would have to specify that marriage should be on condition of consent of both the groom and the bride involved; I cannot think of anything more perverted and unjust that FORCING a person to be married to someone he or she does not want! For all practical purposes, that is legalized and ritualized SEXUAL ASSAULT! All around the world, forced marriage at any age, of either gender, and for any reason should be ILLEGAL, period!

Another problem is the requirement that parental consent is required for marriage. This would make sense if we were talking about children being married, but adults too? What if the couple in question is interracial and the bride's father is a racist? That means he could stop the marriage by refusing to give his consent, negating the Baha'i principle of the oneness of mankind. Adults should have control over their own lives, including who they wish to love and marry. Parents need to be willing to let go of their adult offspring and respect their choices. In both cases, the parties are being more mature.

No marriage may be contracted without payment of a dowry, which hath been fixed for city dwellers at nineteen mithqáls of pure gold, and for village dwellers at the same amount in silver. Whoso wisheth to increase this sum, it is forbidden him to exceed the limit of ninety-five mithqáls. Thus hath the command been writ in majesty and power. If he content himself, however, with a payment of the lowest level, it shall be better for him according to the Book. God, verily, enricheth whomsoever He willeth through both heavenly and earthly means and He, in truth, hath power over all things.

In ancient times, marriages were often more social contracts between families than romantic links between individuals. The payment of a dowry was usually made by one richer family towards a poorer one as a means of getting the other family to give up its membership of its son or daughter to the family making the payment. In highly sexist communities, young daughters were often merely sold by their fathers to wealthy men. Apparently realizing

how offensive this idea of a dowry would be to people not of Muslim background and not in the Middle East, Baha'i commentators have attempted to whitewash this embarrassing passage, saying "The law of Bahá'u'lláh ... converts the dowry into a symbolic act whereby the bridegroom presents a gift of a certain limited value to the bride." *Yeah, whatever.*

It hath been decreed by God that, should any one of His servants intend to travel, he must fix for his wife a time when he will return home. If he return by the promised time, he will have obeyed the bidding of his Lord and shall be numbered by the Pen of His behest among the righteous; otherwise, if there be good reason for delay, he must inform his wife and make the utmost endeavor to return to her. Should neither of these eventualities occur, it behooveth her to wait for a period of nine months, after which there is no impediment to her taking another husband; but should she wait longer, God, verily, loveth those women and men who show forth patience. Obey ye My commandments, and follow not the ungodly, they who have been reckoned as sinners in God's Holy Tablet. If, during the period of her waiting, word should reach her from her husband, she should choose the course that is praiseworthy. He, of a truth, desireth that His servants and His handmaids should be at peace with one another; take heed lest ye do aught that may provoke intransigence amongst you. Thus hath the decree been fixed and the promise come to pass. If, however, news should reach her of her husband's death or murder, and be confirmed by general report, or by the testimony of two just witnesses, it behooveth her to remain single; then, upon completion of the fixed number of months, she is free to adopt the course of her choosing. Such is the bidding of Him Who is mighty and powerful in His command.

Why nine months? Perhaps because that is the length of a woman's pregnancy and it would be highly frowned upon for a woman still pregnant with a recently lost husband's baby to be dating another man. Note also the implied sexism here; there is no provision for a woman while traveling to keep her husband informed of her time of returning or for him to wait nine months for her to return before he remarries. Only MEN are assumed to travel for any reason, women are expected to STAY HOME!

Should resentment or antipathy arise between husband and wife, he is not to divorce her but to bide in patience throughout the course of one whole year, that perchance the fragrance of affection may be renewed between them. If, upon the completion of this period, their love hath not returned, it is permissible for divorce to take place. God's wisdom, verily, hath encompassed all things. The Lord hath prohibited, in a Tablet inscribed by the Pen of His command, the practice to which ye formerly had recourse when thrice ye had divorced a woman. This He hath done as a favor on His part, that ye may be accounted among the thankful. He who hath divorced his wife may choose, upon the passing of each month, to remarry her when there is mutual affection and consent, so long as she hath not taken another husband. Should she have wed again, then, by this other union, the separation is confirmed and the matter is concluded unless, clearly, her circumstances change. Thus hath the decree been inscribed with majesty in this glorious Tablet by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Beauty.

Islam allows a man to divorce his wife by stating to her on three different occasions, "I divorce you!" The "year of patience" referred to is most likely to allow the woman time to give birth to any child she may have conceived from the husband in question and then make arrangements for that child to be either given to the husband, given up for adoption or otherwise dealt with before the divorce is made final. Even in the State of Texas, a divorce is not allowed if the wife is still pregnant, as I discovered in 2012 when I was going through my own divorce. I was not a Baha'i by then, thankfully. When I made the decision to leave Cheri in December of 2011, I was so fed up with her unfaithfulness, immaturity, and abuse of my love that I could not get her out of my life fast enough and a whole year

of waiting for a divorce would have been truly insufferable after five years of a very dysfunctional marriage!

Refer to this blog entry for a story of how a Baha'i divorce went down:

https://dalehusband.com/2011/05/27/a-bahai-divorce/

If the wife accompany her husband on a journey, and differences arise between them on the way, he is required to provide her with her expenses for one whole year, and either to return her whence she came or to entrust her, together with the necessaries for her journey, to a dependable person who is to escort her home. Thy Lord, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth, by virtue of a sovereignty that overshadoweth the peoples of the earth.

I wonder when such a thing could occur. In these days of rapid travel by jet plane, that seems pointless. Maybe in the distant future if they are traveling via spaceship between planets or even star systems?

Should a woman be divorced in consequence of a proven act of infidelity, she shall receive no maintenance during her period of waiting. Thus hath the daystar of Our commandment shone forth resplendent from the firmament of justice. Truly, the Lord loveth union and harmony and abhorreth separation and divorce. Live ye one with another, O people, in radiance and joy. By My life! All that are on earth shall pass away, while good deeds alone shall endure; to the truth of My words God doth Himself bear witness. Compose your differences, O My servants; then heed ye the admonition of Our Pen of Glory and follow not the arrogant and wayward.

When I discovered Cheri cheating on me, it was through her Facebook account which she was neglectful enough to leave open on her computer for me to find later. I then made screenshots of the evidence and e-mailed them to myself in anticipation of using them against her in court. Later, both she and her mother demanded I give them money they claimed I owed the soon to be ex-mother in law. Needless to say, I angrily refused and the mother-in-law threatened to sue me over it, but that never happened. I got the divorce I wanted a few months later. This is another example of a good law, but note that it also assumes that men would be the financial supporters of women rather than women working to support themselves. whether married or not. In the 21st Century, that really needs to be addressed by Baha'is.

Take heed lest the world beguile you as it beguiled the people who went before you! Observe ye the statutes and precepts of your Lord, and walk ye in this Way which hath been laid out before you in righteousness and truth. They who eschew iniquity and error, who adhere to virtue, are, in the sight of the one true God, among the choicest of His creatures; their names are extolled by the Concourse of the realms above, and by those who dwell in this Tabernacle which hath been raised in the name of God.

STILL.....MORE.....REPEATING.....RHETORIC!

It is forbidden you to trade in slaves, be they men or women. It is not for him who is himself a servant to buy another of God's servants, and this hath been prohibited in His Holy Tablet. Thus, by His mercy, hath the commandment been recorded by the Pen of justice. Let no man exalt himself above another; all are but bondslaves before the Lord, and all exemplify the truth that there is none other God but Him. He, verily, is the All-Wise, Whose wisdom encompasseth all things.

Incredibly, the Baha'i Faith was the first Abrahamic religion to explicitly ban slavery; all the previous ones accepted it. Including Christianity, the dominant religion of the United States where slavery was an institution in the southern states until four years of civil war finally ended it. Also, note the clear statement that all men must regard each other as equals....no room for racism here!

Adorn yourselves with the raiment of goodly deeds. He whose deeds attain unto God's good pleasure is assuredly of the people of Bahá and is remembered before His throne. Assist ye the Lord of all creation with works of righteousness, and also through wisdom and utterance. Thus, indeed, have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets by Him Who is the All-Merciful. He, truly, is cognizant of what I say. Let none contend with another, and let no soul slay another; this, verily, is that which was forbidden you in a Book that hath lain concealed within the Tabernacle of glory. What! Would ye kill him whom God hath quickened, whom He hath endowed with spirit through a breath from Him? Grievous then would be your trespass before His throne! Fear God, and lift not the hand of injustice and oppression to destroy what He hath Himself raised up; nay, walk ye in the way what He hath Himself raised up; nay, walk ye in the way of God, the True One. No sooner did the hosts of true knowledge appear, bearing the standards of Divine utterance, than the tribes of the religions were put to flight, save only those who willed to drink from the stream of everlasting life in a Paradise created by the breath of the All-Glorious.

Baha'u'llah, you are about to get an F in essay composition if you don't stop with the lame, empty passages! Consider this your final warning from Professor Dale Husband!

God hath decreed, in token of His mercy unto His creatures, that semen is not unclean. Yield thanks unto Him with joy and radiance, and follow not such as are remote from the Dawning-place of His nearness. Arise ye, under all conditions, to render service to the Cause, for God will assuredly assist you through the power of His sovereignty which overshadoweth the worlds. Cleave ye unto the cord of refinement with such tenacity as to allow no trace of dirt to be seen upon your garments. Such is the injunction of One Who is sanctified above all refinement. Whoso falleth short of this standard with good reason shall incur no blame. God, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Wash ye every soiled thing with water that hath undergone no alteration in any one of the three respects; take heed not to use water that hath been altered through exposure to the air or to some other agent. Be ye the very essence of cleanliness amongst mankind. This, truly, is what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth for you.

Meanwhile, menstrual blood is still consider a defilement, as was indicated much earlier in the book we are reviewing. Sexism so obvious as to be a wonder why any woman would want to be a Baha'i. As for washing something in pure water, that would be obvious, would it not?

God hath, likewise, as a bounty from His presence, abolished the concept of "uncleanness," whereby divers things and peoples have been held to be impure. He, of a certainty, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Verily, all created things were immersed in the sea of purification when, on that first day of Riḍván, We shed upon the whole of creation the splendors of Our most excellent Names and Our most exalted Attributes. This, verily, is a token of My loving providence, which hath encompassed all the worlds. Consort ye then with the followers of all religions, and proclaim ye the Cause of your Lord, the Most Compassionate; this is the very crown of deeds, if ye be of them who understand.

All religions, really? Ironically, while Baha'is are indeed encouraged to befriend members of other faiths, they are also required to shun fellow Baha'is who have been declared "covenant breakers". That's like wanting to be friends with someone who is not a relative, but slamming the door in the face of your own child or parent for a simple disagreement. Damn that nonsense!

God hath enjoined upon you to observe the utmost cleanliness, to the extent of washing what is soiled with dust, let alone with hardened dirt and similar defilement. Fear Him, and be of those who are

pure. Should the garb of anyone be visibly sullied, his prayers shall not ascend to God, and the celestial Concourse will turn away from him. Make use of rose water, and of pure perfume; this, indeed, is that which God hath loved from the beginning that hath no beginning, in order that there may be diffused from you what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth.

Would it be just for a man who was just badly injured and has blood on his clothing from the injury to be ignored by God if he prays in desperation for God to save him?

God hath relieved you of the ordinance laid down in the Bayán concerning the destruction of books. We have permitted you to read such sciences as are profitable unto you, not such as end in idle disputation; better is this for you, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Official commentary on this reads: "With regard to the destruction of books, the Bayán commanded the Báb's followers to destroy all books except those that were written in vindication of the Cause and Religion of God. Bahá'u'lláh abrogates this specific law of the Bayán."

And with good reason! The very idea of a religion calling for the destruction of books like the Harry Potter novels or Carl Sagan's COSMOS would be most despicable. I myself would campaign relentlessly for such a religion to be opposed and debunked by all means non-violent. It seems the Bab was a maniac and a tyrant! No one should have followed him!

O kings of the earth! He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is come. The Kingdom is God's, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but God, and, with radiant hearts, lift up your faces unto your Lord, the Lord of all names. This is a Revelation to which whatever ye possess can never be compared, could ye but know it.

We see you rejoicing in that which ye have amassed for others and shutting out yourselves from the worlds which naught except My guarded Tablet can reckon. The treasures ye have laid up have drawn you far away from your ultimate objective. This ill beseemeth you, could ye but understand it. Wash from your hearts all earthly defilements, and hasten to enter the Kingdom of your Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, Who caused the world to tremble and all its peoples to wail, except them that have renounced all things and clung to that which the Hidden Tablet hath ordained.

This is the Day in which He Who held converse with God hath attained the light of the Ancient of Days, and quaffed the pure waters of reunion from this Cup that hath caused the seas to swell. Say: By the one true God! Sinai is circling round the Dayspring of Revelation, while from the heights of the Kingdom the Voice of the Spirit of God is heard proclaiming: "Bestir yourselves, ye proud ones of the earth, and hasten ye unto Him." Carmel hath, in this Day, hastened in longing adoration to attain His court, whilst from the heart of Zion there cometh the cry: "The promise is fulfilled. That which had been announced in the holy Writ of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, is made manifest."

And with THAT, Baha'u'llah finally gets that F grade I warned him about! I am actually starting to get SICK of reviewing this book and I am only halfway through it!

And thus ends part four of my critique of the Kitab-i-Aqdas.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS, PART SEVEN

Once again, Dr. Dale Husband takes his scalpel and cuts into the guts of the Most Holy Book of Baha'u'llah to see what can be exposed for others to see.

Here are the links to **Part One**, **Part Two**, **Part Three**, **Part Four**, **Part Five**, and **Part Six** of my critique of the Most Holy Book of Baha'u'llah. And as always, I will include direct quotes from the book in **red bold** and my responses will be in *blue italics*. My source for this book is:

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Be watchful lest the concerns and preoccupations of this world prevent you from observing that which hath been enjoined upon you by Him Who is the Mighty, the Faithful. Be ye the embodiments of such steadfastness amidst mankind that ye will not be kept back from God by the doubts of those who disbelieved in Him when He manifested Himself, invested with a mighty sovereignty. Take heed lest ye be prevented by aught that hath been recorded in the Book from hearkening unto this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth the truth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised." Look ye with the eye of equity upon Him Who hath descended from the heaven of Divine will and power, and be not of those who act unjustly.

Reading more of these lofty looking but repetitious statements from Baha'u'llah makes me wonder if slang phrases "yada yada yada" or "blah blah blah" were coined in reference to this sort of thing. Were all writers of Arabic or Persian in the 19th Century so LAME?!

Call then to mind these words which have streamed forth, in tribute to this Revelation, from the Pen of Him Who was My Herald, and consider what the hands of the oppressors have wrought throughout My days. Truly they are numbered with the lost. He said: "Should ye attain the presence of Him Whom We shall make manifest, beseech ye God, in His bounty, to grant that He might deign to seat Himself upon your couches, for that act in itself would confer upon you matchless and surpassing honor. Should He drink a cup of water in your homes, this would be of greater consequence for you than your proffering unto every soul, nay unto every created thing, the water of its very life. Know this, O ye My servants!"

Such are the words with which My Forerunner hath extolled My Being, could ye but understand. Whoso reflecteth upon these verses, and realizeth what hidden pearls have been enshrined within them, will, by the righteousness of God, perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the direction of this Prison and will, with his whole heart, hasten unto Him with such ardent longing that the hosts of earth and heaven would be powerless to deter him. Say: This is a Revelation around which every proof and testimony doth circle. Thus hath it been sent down by your Lord, the God of Mercy, if ye be of them that judge aright. Say: This is the very soul of all Scriptures which hath been breathed into the Pen of the Most High, causing all created beings to be dumbfounded, save only those who have been enraptured by the gentle breezes of My loving-kindness and the sweet savors of My bounties which have pervaded the whole of creation.

The Babi Faith was founded by the Bab in 1844 and he was martyred in 1850. The violent persecutions of the Babis in Persia and the exile of Baha'u'llah in 1853 demoralized the Babi community. Baha'u'llah then declared that he was the One foretold by the Bab in 1863. Those who accepted his claim became known afterwards as Baha'is. A small splinter group, however, rejected him.

O people of the Bayán! Fear ye the Most Merciful and consider what He hath revealed in another

passage. He said: "The Qiblih is indeed He Whom God will make manifest; whenever He moveth, it moveth, until He shall come to rest." Thus was it set down by the Supreme Ordainer when He desired to make mention of this Most Great Beauty. Meditate on this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught in the wilderness of error. If ye reject Him at the bidding of your idle fancies, where then is the Qiblih to which ye will turn, O assemblage of the heedless? Ponder ye this verse, and judge equitably before God, that haply ye may glean the pearls of mysteries from the ocean that surgeth in My Name, the All-Glorious, the Most High.

The term "Qiblih" is used to mean the place that all members of a religious community turn to when they pray. For Muslims, that is Mecca and the Kaaba there. For Baha'is, it is the Shrine of Baha'u'llah in Haifa where he was buried after his death. There is no question that the Bab expected someone else to arise soon after him to lead his own followers to a new age, but the question was who that would be.

Let none, in this Day, hold fast to aught save that which hath been manifested in this Revelation. Such is the decree of God, aforetime and hereafter—a decree wherewith the Scriptures of the Messengers of old have been adorned. Such is the admonition of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter—an admonition wherewith the preamble to the Book of Life hath been embellished, did ye but perceive it. Such is the commandment of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter; beware lest ye choose instead the part of ignominy and abasement. Naught shall avail you in this Day but God, nor is there any refuge to flee to save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. Whoso hath known Me hath known the Goal of all desire, and whoso hath turned unto Me hath turned unto the Object of all adoration. Thus hath it been set forth in the Book, and thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of all worlds. To read but one of the verses of My Revelation is better than to peruse the Scriptures of both the former and latter generations. This is the Utterance of the All-Merciful, would that ye had ears to hear! Say: This is the essence of knowledge, did ye but understand.

Sorry, Baha'u'llah, but there are many beautiful passages in the Bible that are far better than a lot of the dreck you wrote in this very book. The only writer I know of who might be worse than you would be Ayn Rand.

And now consider what hath been revealed in yet another passage, that perchance ye may forsake your own concepts and set your faces towards God, the Lord of being. He hath said: "It is unlawful to enter into marriage save with a believer in the Bayán. Should only one party to a marriage embrace this Cause, his or her possessions will become unlawful to the other, until such time as the latter hath converted. This law, however, will only take effect after the exaltation of the Cause of Him Whom We shall manifest in truth, or of that which hath already been made manifest in justice. Ere this, ye are at liberty to enter into wedlock as ye wish, that haply by this means ye may exalt the Cause of God." Thus hath the Nightingale sung with sweet melody upon the celestial bough, in praise of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that hearken.

Here is another example of Baha'u'llah tossing aside an absurd law of the Bab. Apparently the Bab expected "Him who God Made Manifest" to enforce the laws of the Bayan, but Baha'u'llah did the exact opposite, and that would have contributed to the split between the new Baha'i community being formed and the slightly older Babi community. Today, there is no prohibition of Baha'is to marry non-Baha'is, but non-Baha'i spouses are still excluded from some Baha'i activities and cannot donate to Baha'i funds.

O people of the Bayán, I adjure you by your Lord, the God of mercy, to look with the eye of fairness upon this utterance which hath been sent down through the power of truth, and not to be of those who see the testimony of God yet reject and deny it. They, in truth, are of those who will assuredly perish.

The Point of the Bayán hath explicitly made mention in this verse of the exaltation of My Cause before His own Cause; unto this will testify every just and understanding mind. As ye can readily witness in this day, its exaltation is such as none can deny save those whose eyes are drunken in this mortal life and whom a humiliating chastisement awaiteth in the life to come.

Say: By the righteousness of God! I, verily, am His Best-Beloved; and at this moment He listeneth to these verses descending from the Heaven of Revelation and bewaileth the wrongs ye have committed in these days. Fear God, and join not with the aggressor. Say: O people, should ye choose to disbelieve in Him, refrain at least from rising up against Him. By God! Sufficient are the hosts of tyranny that are leagued against Him!

Every Abrahamic religion has condemned the followers of the previous one for rejecting its founder. The most notorious example being Christians going so far as to stigmatize all Jews (followers of the original religion of Jesus and his disciples) as "Christ-killers". This fueled anti-Semitism for over 1500 years in Europe, eventually leading to the Holocaust. Muhammad attacked Jews and Christians in the Quran and the here we see Baha'u'llah condemning Babis who have not yet accepted his message. Question: would God send a Babi who denies Baha'u'llah to hell just as much as a Jew, Christian, or Muslim who does the same? If so, then the Bab's mission was pointless. If not, why is Baha'u'llah making such a big deal about being denied if Babis are still going to heaven for believing in the Bab but not Baha'u'llah? Ego tripping, this looks like. Asserting that the Bab himself is lamenting the Babi rejection of Baha'u'llah is a nice touch. Too bad there is no way to verify this.

Verily, He revealed certain laws so that, in this Dispensation, the Pen of the Most High might have no need to move in aught but the glorification of His own transcendent Station and His most effulgent Beauty. Since, however, We have wished to evidence Our bounty unto you, We have, through the power of truth, set forth these laws with clarity and mitigated what We desire you to observe. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

Would this include the truly ridiculous laws of the Bayan you threw out, Baha'u'llah? Such laws should never have been written down in the first place. There should have been no need for the Kitáb-i-Aqdas at all and even now the Baha'is should still be following the laws of the Bayan. They don't because obviously the Bab was an even more terrible writer than you! Oh, and I should note that very little of the Bab's writings have ever been translated into English for Baha'is to read and they were published in only one book. That's what a cover-up looks like.

He hath previously made known unto you that which would be uttered by this Dayspring of Divine wisdom. He said, and He speaketh the truth: "He is the One Who will under all conditions proclaim: 'Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the One, the Incomparable, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.'" This is a station which God hath assigned exclusively to this sublime, this unique and wondrous Revelation. This is a token of His bounteous favor, if ye be of them who comprehend, and a sign of His irresistible decree. This is His Most Great Name, His Most Exalted Word, and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles, if ye could understand. Nay more, through Him every Fountainhead, every Dawning-place of Divine guidance is made manifest. Reflect, O people, on that which hath been sent down in truth; ponder thereon, and be not of the transgressors.

((((Once again, NO COMMENT!))))

Consort with all religions with amity and concord, that they may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of God. Beware lest amidst men the flame of foolish ignorance overpower you. All things proceed from God and unto Him they return. He is the source of all things and in Him all things are ended.

At long last we return to verses that have substance to them only to confront another question. By "all religions"

would they include Christians or Muslims who deny Baha'u'llah? If they are accepted, why not the so-called "covenant breakers" (Baha'is who reject the current Baha'i leadership) that Baha'is today are clearly ordered to SHUN? Maybe Baha'is should look up "all" in a dictionary.

Take heed that ye enter no house in the absence of its owner, except with his permission. Comport yourselves with propriety under all conditions, and be not numbered with the wayward.

Another example of a good law; the right to private property is one without which all other rights would be endangered. For an example of someone's property being violated and the aftermath of that, read this:

300 teens should be LOCKED UP!

It hath been enjoined upon you to purify your means of sustenance and other such things through payment of Zakát. Thus hath it been prescribed in this exalted Tablet by Him Who is the Revealer of verses. We shall, if it be God's will and purpose, set forth erelong the measure of its assessment. He, verily, expoundeth whatsoever He desireth by virtue of His own knowledge, and He, of a truth, is Omniscient and All-Wise.

Zakat is a regular payment of alms for the poor that was called for in the Quran and is actually one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Oddly enough, I was never asked to make this payment as a Baha'i, only Ḥuqúqu'lláh. Will Baha'is have to make payments to both funds eventually? Is there not an more obvious way to reduce most well-to-do Baha'is to poverty while the Universal House of Justice gets RICH off them? And I thought the Christian televangelists who have been notorious for constantly demanding money were awful!

It is unlawful to beg, and it is forbidden to give to him who beggeth. All have been enjoined to earn a living, and as for those who are incapable of doing so, it is incumbent on the Deputies of God and on the wealthy to make adequate provision for them. Keep ye the statutes and commandments of God; nay, guard them as ye would your very eyes, and be not of those who suffer grievous loss.

In essence, this says welfare must be for the truly disabled and never the lazy. I totally agree!

Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to engage in contention and conflict, to strike another, or to commit similar acts whereby hearts and souls may be saddened. A fine of nineteen mithqáls of gold had formerly been prescribed by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind for anyone who was the cause of sadness to another; in this Dispensation, however, He hath absolved you thereof and exhorteth you to show forth righteousness and piety. Such is the commandment which He hath enjoined upon you in this resplendent Tablet. Wish not for others what ye wish not for yourselves; fear God, and be not of the prideful. Ye are all created out of water, and unto dust shall ye return. Reflect upon the end that awaiteth you, and walk not in the ways of the oppressor. Give ear unto the verses of God which He Who is the sacred Lote-Tree reciteth unto you. They are assuredly the infallible balance, established by God, the Lord of this world and the next. Through them the soul of man is caused to wing its flight towards the Dayspring of Revelation, and the heart of every true believer is suffused with light. Such are the laws which God hath enjoined upon you, such His commandments prescribed unto you in His Holy Tablet; obey them with joy and gladness, for this is best for you, did ye but know.

Baha'u'llah throws out yet another stupid law made by the Bab. And then proceeds to spit out more lame rhetoric. I wonder if I should make a blog entry with dozens of passages like, "The Earth is a sphere", "2+2=4" and "Christianity is the religion founded by Jesus of Nazereth." Would at least a few people find them inspiring if I claimed the blog entry as a product of divine revelation? Probably.

Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide. Whoso faileth to recite them hath not been

faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and whoso turneth away from these holy verses in this Day is of those who throughout eternity have turned away from God. Fear ye God, O My servants, one and all. Pride not yourselves on much reading of the verses or on a multitude of pious acts by night and day; for were a man to read a single verse with joy and radiance it would be better for him than to read with lassitude all the Holy Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye the sacred verses in such measure that ye be not overcome by languor and despondency. Lay not upon your souls that which will weary them and weigh them down, but rather what will lighten and uplift them, so that they may soar on the wings of the Divine verses towards the Dawning-place of His manifest signs; this will draw you nearer to God, did ye but comprehend.

Baha'u'llah, reciting your verses with " lassitude" or "languor and despondency" would not have been an issue if you had not so often spent several times more words than necessary to make many of your points in this book!

Actually, the worst example of Baha'u'llah wasting a lot of his words was to write a looooooong letter to a Muslim enemy of his in Persia who was known as "the Son of the Wolf". So long that Shoghi Effendi for some strange reason later published it as a book (it contains many reference to previous works by Baha'u'llah) that is still available for Baha'is to buy and read today. Ironically, I suspect the original recipient of the letter probably never bothered to read it. I certainly would not have! Of course, if you want to bother with it, knock yourself out!

Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

Teach your children the verses revealed from the heaven of majesty and power, so that, in most melodious tones, they may recite the Tablets of the All-Merciful in the alcoves within the Mashriqu'l-Adhkárs. Whoever hath been transported by the rapture born of adoration for My Name, the Most Compassionate, will recite the verses of God in such wise as to captivate the hearts of those yet wrapped in slumber. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the utterance of his merciful Lord in My Name—a Name through which every lofty and majestic mountain hath been reduced to dust.

No thanks! If I had children, I'd much rather teach them these things:

https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles

And with that, the seventh part of my critique ends.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS, PART THREE

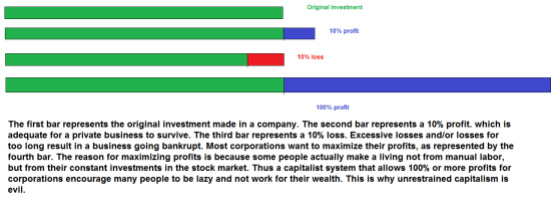
This is a continuation of my criticism of the Most Holy Book of Baha'ullah, the book of laws that is a foundational document of the Baha'i Faith. **Part One** and **Part Two** should be read first. And as before, I will include direct quotes from the book in **red bold** and my responses will be in *blue italics*. My source for this book is:

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O people of Bahá! It is incumbent upon each one of you to engage in some occupation—such as a craft, a trade or the like. We have exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship of the one true God. Reflect, O people, on the grace and blessings of your Lord, and yield Him thanks at eventide and dawn. Waste not your hours in idleness and sloth, but occupy yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus hath it been decreed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the daystar of wisdom and utterance. The most despised of men in the sight of God are they who sit and beg. Hold ye fast unto the cord of means and place your trust in God, the Provider of all means.

This sounds like a great idea, making everyone that can work for a living do so and refusing any aid to people who are lazy and unwilling to contribute to the rest of society, just like what capitalists claim to believe in. In practice, however, workers in capitalist economies only get a portion of the profits their labor generates, the rest going to the business owners and stockholders who may not even be working for the company in any sense. That is NOT justice! By contrast, in the Communist societies Karl Marx called for the standard of economics was "from each according to his ABILITY, to each according to his NEEDS", which is why Communist countries tended to have impoverished populations, because there was never any incentive to work harder if you were never going to be paid more for doing more work. The concept was self-defeating.

*Take a look at this from **A Simple Lesson in Economics**:*


Original investment
10% profit
10% loss
100% profit
The first bar represents the original investment made in a company. The second bar represents a 10% profit. which is adequate for a private business to survive. The third bar represents a 10% loss. Excessive losses and/or losses for too long result in a business going bankrupt. Most corporations want to maximize their profits, as represented by the fourth bar. The reason for maximizing profits is because some people actually make a living not from manual labor, but from their constant investments in the stock market. Thus a capitalist system that allows 100% or more profits for corporations encourage many people to be lazy and not work for their wealth. This is why unrestrained capitalism is evil.

It seems clear that neither crony capitalism nor state-managed communism fits what Baha'u'llah advocated. He deserves credit for rejecting both. I myself have advocated making stockholders outside a corporation's employment illegal and requiring that all corporate executives be elected by the workers from among themselves. If only Baha'is would be a lot louder about THAT and not endlessly squawk about "race unity".

The kissing of hands hath been forbidden in the Book. This practice is prohibited by God, the Lord of glory and command. To none is it permitted to seek absolution from another soul; let repentance be between yourselves and God. He, verily, is the Pardoner, the Bounteous, the Gracious, the One Who absolveth the repentant.

This is probably a reference to certain Roman Catholic practices like Confession, in which a parishioner goes to a priest to confess sins he has committed recently.

O ye servants of the Merciful One! Arise to serve the Cause of God, in such wise that the cares and sorrows caused by them that have disbelieved in the Dayspring of the Signs of God may not afflict you. At the time when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One made manifest, differences have appeared amongst the kindreds of the earth and each people hath followed its own fancy and idle

imaginings.

That's called freedom of thought, Baha'u'llah. God apparently did not make us robots. Why say people should be exactly alike in their minds?

Amongst the people is he who seateth himself amid the sandals by the door whilst coveting in his heart the seat of honor. Say: What manner of man art thou, O vain and heedless one, who wouldst appear as other than thou art? And among the people is he who layeth claim to inner knowledge, and still deeper knowledge concealed within this knowledge. Say: Thou speakest false! By God! What thou dost possess is naught but husks which We have left to thee as bones are left to dogs. By the righteousness of the one true God! Were anyone to wash the feet of all mankind, and were he to worship God in the forests, valleys, and mountains, upon high hills and lofty peaks, to leave no rock or tree, no clod of earth, but was a witness to his worship—yet, should the fragrance of My good pleasure not be inhaled from him, his works would never be acceptable unto God. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all. How many a man hath secluded himself in the climes of India, denied himself the things that God hath decreed as lawful, imposed upon himself austerities and mortifications, and hath not been remembered by God, the Revealer of Verses. Make not your deeds as snares wherewith to entrap the object of your aspiration, and deprive not yourselves of this Ultimate Objective for which have ever yearned all such as have drawn nigh unto God. Say: The very life of all deeds is My good pleasure, and all things depend upon Mine acceptance. Read ye the Tablets that ye may know what hath been purposed in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Bounteous. He who attaineth to My love hath title to a throne of gold, to sit thereon in honor over all the world; he who is deprived thereof, though he sit upon the dust, that dust would seek refuge with God, the Lord of all Religions.

Here, Baha'u'llah echos a lot of what Jesus said about and to his fellow Jews.

Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evilhearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in 'Iráq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot.

Now stop and read this blog entry I made long ago:

https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority/

and then come back and continue with this one.

When I finally realized that one could only claim infallibility by also claiming direct revelation from God himself (by simple force of logic, since no man by himself can ever be equal to God), it put the whole issue of Abdu'l-Baha claiming to be infallible and also his claiming that Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of Justice would be infallible as well in shocking context! I could NO LONGER claim to believe in Baha'u'llah and also accept the absolute authority of his successors in the Baha'i Faith at the same time. The conflict in my mind that resulted led me to ***resign from the Faith in 2005.***

Be not dismayed, O peoples of the world, when the daystar of My beauty is set, and the heaven of My tabernacle is concealed from your eyes. Arise to further My Cause, and to exalt My Word amongst men. We are with you at all times, and shall strengthen you through the power of truth. We are truly almighty. Whoso hath recognized Me will arise and serve Me with such determination that the powers of earth and heaven shall be unable to defeat his purpose.

I really wish that were true. Sadly, the Baha'i Faith has defeated itself, thanks to the corrupt authorities I just mentioned in my last comment. They are the Faith's own worse enemies!

The peoples of the world are fast asleep. Were they to wake from their slumber, they would hasten with eagerness unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They would cast away everything they possess, be it all the treasures of the earth, that their Lord may remember them to the extent of addressing to them but one word. Such is the instruction given you by Him Who holdeth the knowledge of things hidden, in a Tablet which the eye of creation hath not seen, and which is revealed to none except His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. So bewildered are they in the drunkenness of their evil desires, that they are powerless to recognize the Lord of all being, Whose voice calleth aloud from every direction: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

Say: Rejoice not in the things ye possess; tonight they are yours, tomorrow others will possess them. Thus warneth you He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can ye claim that what ye own is lasting or secure? Nay! By Myself, the All-Merciful, ye cannot, if ye be of them who judge fairly. The days of your life flee away as a breath of wind, and all your pomp and glory shall be folded up as were the pomp and glory of those gone before you. Reflect, O people! What hath become of your bygone days, your lost centuries? Happy the days that have been consecrated to the remembrance of God, and blessed the hours which have been spent in praise of Him Who is the All-Wise. By My life! Neither the pomp of the mighty, nor the wealth of the rich, nor even the ascendancy of the ungodly will endure. All will perish, at a word from Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. What advantage is there in the earthly things which men possess? That which shall profit them, they have utterly neglected. Erelong, they will awake from their slumber, and find themselves unable to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Did they but know it, they would renounce their all, that their names may be mentioned before His throne. They, verily, are accounted among the dead.

Amongst the people is he whose learning hath made him proud, and who hath been debarred thereby from recognizing My Name, the Self-Subsisting; who, when he heareth the tread of sandals following behind him, waxeth greater in his own esteem than Nimrod. Say: O rejected one! Where now is his abode? By God, it is the nethermost fire. Say: O concourse of divines! Hear ye not the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen? See ye not this Sun that shineth in refulgent splendor above the All-Glorious Horizon? For how long will ye worship the idols of your evil passions? Forsake your vain imaginings, and turn yourselves unto God, your Everlasting Lord.

Again, all these statements are similar to what Jesus taught his own followers. At least you cannot accuse Baha'u'llah of plagiarism, but these were also completely unnecessary. He could have just made references to specific passages in the Gospels with quotes from Jesus. Then this book would have been shorter.

Endowments dedicated to charity revert to God, the Revealer of Signs. None hath the right to dispose of them without leave from Him Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation. After Him, this authority shall pass to the Aghṣán, and after them to the House of Justice—should it be established in the world by then—that they may use these endowments for the benefit of the Places which have been exalted in

this Cause, and for whatsoever hath been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the God of might and power. Otherwise, the endowments shall revert to the people of Bahá who speak not except by His leave and judge not save in accordance with what God hath decreed in this Tablet—lo, they are the champions of victory betwixt heaven and earth—that they may use them in the manner that hath been laid down in the Book by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

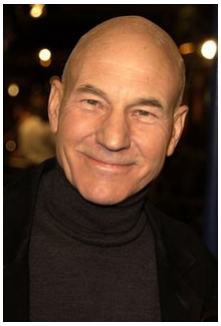
This may refer to Ḥuqúqu'lláh and who is to be responsible for it. "Him Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation" is Baha'u'llah himself, of course. The Aghsan is a Baha'i term for the sons or male descendants of Baha'u'llah. Both Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi were Aghsan. Baha'is believe that when Shoghi Effendi died in 1957, the Hands of the Cause of God he had appointed to assist him fulfilled the provision of **"the people of Bahá who speak not except by His leave and judge not save in accordance with what God hath decreed in this Tablet"***, leading the worldwide Baha'i community until the Universal House of Justice was elected in 1963. No argument from me about that. But if only Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi had not made such a big deal about the importance of the Guardianship, the attempt in 1960 by Charles Mason Remey to usurp that position and thus the leadership of the Faith itself while the community was so vulnerable might not have happened. Remey was clearly an opportunistic bastard to have pulled such a stunt!*

Lament not in your hours of trial, neither rejoice therein; seek ye the Middle Way which is the remembrance of Me in your afflictions and reflection over that which may befall you in future. Thus informeth you He Who is the Omniscient, He Who is aware.

Seek balance in life; that seems quite reasonable.

Shave not your heads; God hath adorned them with hair, and in this there are signs from the Lord of creation to those who reflect upon the requirements of nature. He, verily, is the God of strength and wisdom. Notwithstanding, it is not seemly to let the hair pass beyond the limit of the ears. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds.

It was later clarified that this only referred to men, not women. I guess the Baha'i leaders after Baha'u'llah realized how absurd it was to require women to always have short hair. Also, what about cases of male pattern baldness; would that not contradict what Baha'u'llah claimed? Was he simply not paying attention? Some of the most handsome men in the world were and are naturally bald.




And here is a picture of Abdu'l-Baha as a young man:



Exile and imprisonment are decreed for the thief, and, on the third offense, place ye a mark upon his brow so that, thus identified, he may not be accepted in the cities of God and His countries. Beware lest, through compassion, ye neglect to carry out the statutes of the religion of God; do that which hath been bidden you by Him Who is compassionate and merciful. We school you with the rod of wisdom and laws, like unto the father who educateth his son, and this for naught but the protection of your own selves and the elevation of your stations. By My life, were ye to discover what We have desired for you in revealing Our holy laws, ye would offer up your very souls for this sacred, this mighty, and most exalted Faith.

So is that exile for the first act of theft and imprisonment for the second? And what would this mark look like? The number 666, perhaps? And if he is not accepted in "the cities of God and His countries" where could he go.....to cities and countries of Satan? What if people are driven to steal because they are starving? Seems to me that compassion should be an issue here.

Whoso wisheth to make use of vessels of silver and gold is at liberty to do so. Take heed lest, when partaking of food, ye plunge your hands into the contents of bowls and platters. Adopt ye such usages as are most in keeping with refinement. He, verily, desireth to see in you the manners of the inmates of Paradise in His mighty and most sublime Kingdom. Hold ye fast unto refinement under all conditions, that your eyes may be preserved from beholding what is repugnant both to your own selves and to the dwellers of Paradise. Should anyone depart therefrom, his deed shall at that moment be rendered vain; yet should he have good reason, God will excuse him. He, in truth, is the Gracious, the Most Bountiful.

Yes, because one should not be allowed to spread germs through food. This is a good law, actually. Even at my Unitarian Universalist church during potlucks, we typically put tongs in bowls that contain finger food items like crackers or potato chips.

He Who is the Dawning-place of God's Cause hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." God hath reserved this distinction unto His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that which the Book of God set forth and who were numbered with the heedless.

Here again is that damning (no pun intended) issue of infallibility that got me so riled up in the final months of my being a Baha'i. Abdu'l-Baha tried to get around that by claiming he only had ***"conferred infallibility" from Baha'u'llah****. That is bullshit; I might as well claim that I have "conferred perfection" from my own father. But perfection and infallibility are ABSOLUTE attributes or otherwise they are meaningless words. "I AM ALWAYS RIGHT BECAUSE I SAY I AM!" is the mantra of the egomaniac and the narcissist, not a legitimate leader. Even Baha'u'llah only claimed to be infallible because of his unique relationship with God, which, as I showed earlier, he denied anyone else would have for 1000 years after him.....not even his son Abdu'l-Baha.*

Unto every father hath been enjoined the instruction of his son and daughter in the art of reading and writing and in all that hath been laid down in the Holy Tablet. He that putteth away that which is commanded unto him, the Trustees are then to take from him that which is required for their instruction if he be wealthy and, if not, the matter devolveth upon the House of Justice. Verily have We made it a shelter for the poor and needy. He that bringeth up his son or the son of another, it is as

though he hath brought up a son of Mine; upon him rest My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy, that have compassed the world.

Here we have a provision for both homeschooling and public schools, but it is clear that homeschooling is preferable. Problem: What if the father knows nothing about science but his son wants to be a scientist? Maybe the son can study science on his own, but he would do better with a professional science teacher. Oh, and there is that mention of the House of Justice. If that law is relevant today, does that mean that all children of poor and neglectful fathers must be sent to Haifa, where the Universal House of Justice is, for their education?

God hath imposed a fine on every adulterer and adulteress, to be paid to the House of Justice: nine mithqáls of gold, to be doubled if they should repeat the offense. Such is the penalty which He Who is the Lord of Names hath assigned them in this world; and in the world to come He hath ordained for them a humiliating torment. Should anyone be afflicted by a sin, it behooveth him to repent thereof and return unto his Lord. He, verily, granteth forgiveness unto whomsoever He willeth, and none may question that which it pleaseth Him to ordain. He is, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Official Baha'i commmentary on this paragraph says, "A mithqál is a unit of weight. The weight of the traditional mithqál used in the Middle East is equivalent to 24 nakhuds. However, the mithqál used by the Bahá'ís consists of 19 nakhuds, "in accordance with the specification of the Bayán" (Q&A 23). The weight of nine of these mithqál equals 32.775 grams or 1.05374 troy ounces." *So the offender would pay that amount for having sex with another man's wife or another woman's husband, then twice that much if he does it again. I would assume the actual amount would be in the form of money, but that would assume all money follows the gold standard, and not be fiat money like we have with American dollars and many other currencies in the world.*

Beware lest ye be hindered by the veils of glory from partaking of the crystal waters of this living Fountain. Seize ye the chalice of salvation at this dawntide in the name of Him Who causeth the day to break, and drink your fill in praise of Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Incomparable.

Another paragraph repeating what was said many times before.

We have made it lawful for you to listen to music and singing. Take heed, however, lest listening thereto should cause you to overstep the bounds of propriety and dignity. Let your joy be the joy born of My Most Great Name, a Name that bringeth rapture to the heart, and filleth with ecstasy the minds of all who have drawn nigh unto God. We, verily, have made music as a ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not, therefore, as wings to self and passion. Truly, We are loath to see you numbered with the foolish.

Why is music and singing an issue? Because in some versions of Islam, music is not accepted. Cat Stevens, who converted to Islam and took the name Yusuf Islam, actually quit performing the music that first made him famous for many years because he was told that Islam prohibited music. Only when he was persuaded otherwise did he take up music again. Could Cat Stevens have become a Baha'i instead? I wonder what he would have thought of that passage referring to music in the Kitab-i-Aqdas?

Thus ends the third part of my critique of the Kitab-i-Aqdas.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS, PART TWO

This is a continuation of my criticism of the Most Holy Book of Baha'ullah, the book of laws that is a foundational document of the Baha'i Faith. **Go read Part One if you have not done so yet.**

As before, I will include direct quotes from the book in **red bold** and my responses will be in *blue italics*. My source for this book is:

http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/kitab-i-aqdas/#r=ka_en-1

It hath been ordained that every believer in God, the Lord of Judgment, shall, each day, having washed his hands and then his face, seat himself and, turning unto God, repeat "Alláh-u-Abhá" ninety-five times. Such was the decree of the Maker of the Heavens when, with majesty and power, He established Himself upon the thrones of His Names. Perform ye, likewise, ablutions for the Obligatory Prayer; this is the command of God, the Incomparable, the Unrestrained.

Baha'is assume that by "turning unto God", Baha'ullah meant to face Haifa and the Shrine of Baha'u'llah there. This stating of a specific name of God 95 times is in addition to the Obligatory Prayers and may be done in conjunction with the prayers. "Ablutions" is the actual term for washing the hands and face mentioned a moment before. The basic idea here is to set aside some time each day to worship God.

Ye have been forbidden to commit murder or adultery, or to engage in backbiting or calumny; shun ye, then, what hath been prohibited in the holy Books and Tablets.

Including the Ten Commandments, no doubt.

We have divided inheritance into seven categories: to the children, We have allotted nine parts comprising five hundred and forty shares; to the wife, eight parts comprising four hundred and eighty shares; to the father, seven parts comprising four hundred and twenty shares; to the mother, six parts comprising three hundred and sixty shares; to the brothers, five parts or three hundred shares; to the sisters, four parts or two hundred and forty shares; and to the teachers, three parts or one hundred and eighty shares. Such was the ordinance of My Forerunner, He Who extolleth My Name in the night season and at the break of day. When We heard the clamor of the children as yet unborn, We doubled their share and decreased those of the rest. He, of a truth, hath power to ordain whatsoever He desireth, and He doeth as He pleaseth by virtue of His sovereign might.

This provides guidance for passing on of inheritance of a dead person's estate to others, in case he dies without leaving a will. However, this raises certain questions. Why are teachers mentioned? What kinds of teachers are specifically meant? School teachers? Religious educators? I would assume that issue was left to those who would come after Baha'u'llah to figure out.

Should the deceased leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice, to be expended by the Trustees of the All-Merciful on the orphaned and widowed, and on whatsoever will bring benefit to the generality of the people, that all may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Gracious, the Pardoner.

Shoghi Effendi, known as the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, left no will and died without any issue, so I would guess this passage would have been used to justify the Universal House of Justice asserting absolute control over the Faith in the absence of a Guardian later. How convenient for them.

Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been specified

in the Book, they shall receive two-thirds of the inheritance and the remaining third shall revert to the House of Justice. Such is the command which hath been given, in majesty and glory, by Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

If the deceased should leave none of the specified heirs, but have among his relatives nephews and nieces, whether on his brother's or his sister's side, two-thirds of the inheritance shall pass to them; or, lacking these, to his uncles and aunts on both his father's and his mother's side, and after them to their sons and daughters. The remaining third of the inheritance shall, in any case, revert to the Seat of Justice. Thus hath it been laid down in the Book by Him Who ruleth over all men.

Should the deceased be survived by none of those whose names have been recorded by the Pen of the Most High, his estate shall, in its entirety, revert to the aforementioned Seat that it may be expended on that which is prescribed by God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent.

It seems that the Universal House of Justice could make a huge profit off of the death of every Baha'i in the world, regardless of who else receives some of the inheritance.

We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

What if the deceased was a mother of several sons? Would her sons be expected to wear her dresses?! Or what if she had no sons, but her daughter(s) lived with her when she died? Would the daughters be evicted from her home? That, verily, is the Sexist, the All-Offensive.

Should the son of the deceased have passed away in the days of his father and have left children, they will inherit their father's share, as prescribed in the Book of God. Divide ye their share amongst them with perfect justice. Thus have the billows of the Ocean of Utterance surged, casting forth the pearls of the laws decreed by the Lord of all mankind.

If the deceased should leave children who are under age, their share of the inheritance must be entrusted to a reliable individual, or to a company, that it may be invested on their behalf in trade and business until they come of age. The trustee should be assigned a due share of the profit that hath accrued to it from being thus employed.

Do I have to explain the enormous potential for abuse here? I can imagine lots of lawsuits being filed by young heirs of an estate over these provisions. Even parents themselves have been known to squander the trust funds of their own children such as with child actors or pop stars.

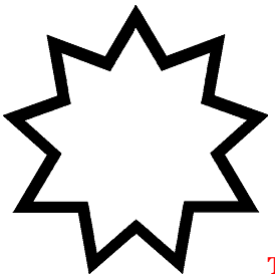
Division of the estate should take place only after the Ḥuqúqu'lláh hath been paid, any debts have been settled, the expenses of the funeral and burial defrayed, and such provision made that the deceased may be carried to his resting-place with dignity and honor. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is Lord of the beginning and the end.

Ḥuqúqu'lláh is a special fund that Baha'is are expected to donate to on a regular basis while they are alive. All the payments to it must be made to the current Head of the Faith which is, of course, the Universal House of Justice! So first the payment of Ḥuqúqu'lláh must be made, then the funeral and burial must be paid for, THEN the estate must be divided. But a person who is impoverished may have what little savings he had wiped out as a result, leaving almost nothing for the heirs in the family. But the Universal House of Justice still gets a massive share, no matter what!

Say: This is that hidden knowledge which shall never change, since its beginning is with nine, the

symbol that betokeneth the concealed and manifest, the inviolable and unapproachably exalted Name. As for what We have appropriated to the children, this is a bounty conferred on them by God, that they may render thanks unto their Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. These, verily, are the Laws of God; transgress them not at the prompting of your base and selfish desires. Observe ye the injunctions laid upon you by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Utterance. The sincere among His servants will regard the precepts set forth by God as the Water of Life to the followers of every faith, and the Lamp of wisdom and loving providence to all the denizens of earth and heaven.

The number nine is sacred to Baha'is because it is the highest single-digit number, thus illustrating the highest form of unity that Baha'is strive for. A common symbol for the Baha'i Faith is a nine-pointed star.



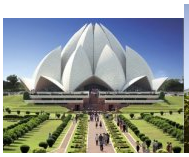
The Lord hath ordained that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counselors to the number of Bahá, and should it exceed this number it doth not matter. They should consider themselves as entering the Court of the presence of God, the Exalted, the Most High, and as beholding Him Who is the Unseen. It behooveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and to regard themselves as the guardians appointed of God for all that dwell on earth. It is incumbent upon them to take counsel together and to have regard for the interests of the servants of God, for His sake, even as they regard their own interests, and to choose that which is meet and seemly. Thus hath the Lord your God commanded you. Beware lest ye put away that which is clearly revealed in His Tablet. Fear God, O ye that perceive.

*"The Number of Baha" refers to nine, which is why the Universal House of Justice has nine members. But note that Baha'u'llah specified a House of Justice in every city, NOT a Universal House of Justice ruling all the Baha'is of the world! Abdu'l-Baha completely discarded Baha'u'llah's actual commandment in his own Will and Testament, calling for a UNIVERSAL House of Justice that would be elected by the members of National Spiritual Assemblies. Later, Shoghi Effendi would call for the establishment of Local Spiritual Assemblies and claim them and the National ones as embryonic forms of the Houses of Justices on the local and national levels. But why not just call them Houses of Justice from the beginning? The answer becomes clear from this passage: "***It behooveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and to regard themselves as the guardians appointed of God for all that dwell on earth.***" Abdul-Baha also violated that by appointing Shoghi Effendi as the only "Guardian of the Cause of God". Thus, no Houses of Justice, not even the Universal one, would be established while Shoghi Effendi was still alive without causing a crisis in the Faith, because then the House of Justice members could also claim to be Guardians of the Cause of God as well, challenging Shoghi Effendi's exclusive authority. Small wonder, I suppose, why the Universal House of Justice would decree after it was formed in 1963 that no more Guardians were needed. Never mind that Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament called for just that and Shoghi Effendi mentioned future Guardians as necessary in his own writings. Also, note that the Houses of Justice were expected to work "for all that dwell on earth". In other words, they were not just for Baha'is, but for the entire population in a city. How their authority would be established without forcing all non-Baha'is to submit to them is a mystery to me.*

O people of the world! Build ye houses of worship throughout the lands in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all religions. Make them as perfect as is possible in the world of being, and adorn them with that which befitteth them, not with images and effigies. Then, with radiance and joy, celebrate therein the praise of your Lord, the Most Compassionate. Verily, by His remembrance the eye is cheered and

the heart is filled with light.

Baha'i Houses of Worship tend to be massive structures like cathedrals in nature, with nine sides to them. Here are pics of several:






I actually visited the House of Worship in Evanston, Illinois. It is indeed a beautiful place. But I doubt Baha'u'llah actually called for such massive buildings. Baha'is often worship in Baha'i Centers in local areas but these are not called Houses of Worship for some reason.

The Lord hath ordained that those of you who are able shall make pilgrimage to the sacred House, and from this He hath exempted women as a mercy on His part. He, of a truth, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The House referred to is considered Bahjí, a mansion where Baha'u'llah spent his last years and died. He was then buried in a building nearby which is called the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh, and all Bahais turn towards it in prayer and visit it as part of their pilgrimage. Again, this mirrors Islam, the religion the Baha'i Faith evolved from. Also again, we see men and women being treated differently in the Baha'i Faith.

Thus ends the second part of my analysis of the Kitab-i-Aqdas.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABDU'L-BAHA, PART 1

Just as I wrote a **detailed criticism of the Kitab-i-Aqdas last year**, so now I will proceed to deal with another issue of Baha'i history and dogma. Since the original document I am analyzing was written in three parts, so will this criticism. The original document will be in **green bold** and my responses will be mostly *orange italics*. My source for the document is:

http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/will-testament-abdul-baha/#r=wta_en-title

Part One

Herein Follow the Tablets and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

All-praise to Him Who, by the Shield of His Covenant, hath guarded the Temple of His Cause from the darts of doubtfulness, Who by the Hosts of His Testament hath preserved the Sanctuary of His most Beneficent Law and protected His Straight and Luminous Path, staying thereby the onslaught of the company of Covenant-breakers, that have threatened to subvert His Divine Edifice; Who hath watched over His Mighty Stronghold and All-Glorious Faith, through the aid of men whom the slander of the slanderer affect not, whom no earthly calling, glory and power can turn aside from the Covenant of God and His Testament, established firmly by His clear and manifest words, writ and revealed by His All-Glorious Pen and recorded in the Preserved Tablet.

So right from the start Abdu'l-Baha states things that are falsehoods. My own investigations of the Baha'i Faith from the time of Abdu'l-Baha on to the present have shown that there is plenty of room for doubtfulness. Here is one example of what I discovered:

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So Abdu'l-Baha himself was largely to blame for the mess the Faith became!

Salutation and praise, blessing and glory rest upon that primal branch of the Divine and Sacred Lote-Tree, grown out, blest, tender, verdant and flourishing from the Twin Holy Trees; the most wondrous, unique and priceless pearl that doth gleam from out the Twin surging seas; upon the offshoots of the Tree of Holiness, the twigs of the Celestial Tree, they that in the Day of the Great Dividing have stood fast and firm in the Covenant; upon the Hands (pillars) of the Cause of God that have diffused widely the Divine Fragrances, declared His Proofs, proclaimed His Faith, published abroad His Law, detached themselves from all things but Him, stood for righteousness in this world, and kindled the Fire of the Love of God in the very hearts and souls of His servants; upon them that have believed, rested assured, stood steadfast in His Covenant and followed the Light that after my passing shineth from the Dayspring of Divine Guidance—for behold! he is the blest and sacred bough that hath branched out from the Twin Holy Trees. Well is it with him that seeketh the shelter of his shade that shadoweth all mankind.

Just like his father before him, Abdu'l-Baha produces plenty of wordy passages that say a lot but have little real focus. This is a bad habit that **the Universal House of Justice has also**. *But Abdu'l-Baha seems to be referring to a specific person here, so let us find out who.*

O ye beloved of the Lord! The greatest of all things is the protection of the True Faith of God, the preservation of His Law, the safeguarding of His Cause and service unto His Word. Ten thousand souls have shed streams of their sacred blood in this path, their precious lives they offered in sacrifice unto Him, hastened wrapt in holy ecstasy unto the glorious field of martyrdom, upraised the Standard of God's Faith and writ with their life-blood upon the Tablet of the world the verses of His Divine Unity. The sacred breast of His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my life be a sacrifice unto Him), was made a target to many a dart of woe, and in Mázindarán, the blessed feet of the Abhá Beauty (may my life be offered up for His loved ones) were so grievously scourged as to bleed and be sore wounded. His neck also was put into captive chains and His feet made fast in the stocks. In every hour, for a period of fifty years, a new trial and calamity befell Him and fresh afflictions and cares beset Him. One of them: after having suffered intense vicissitudes, He was made homeless and a wanderer and fell a victim to still new vexations and troubles. In 'Iráq, the Day-Star of the world was so exposed to the wiles of the people of malice as to be eclipsed in splendor. Later on He was sent an exile to the Great City (Constantinople) and thence to the Land of Mystery (Adrianople), whence, grievously wronged, He was eventually transferred to the Most Great Prison (Akká). He Whom the world hath wronged (may my life be offered up for His loved ones) was four times banished from city to city, till at last, condemned to perpetual confinement, He was incarcerated in this prison, the prison of highway robbers, of brigands and of man-slayers. All this is but one of the trials that have afflicted the Blessed Beauty, the rest being even as grievous as this.

Baha'is have a massive "persecution complex", with their propaganda full of stories of Baha'is and their Babi predecessors being violently killed by the Muslim authorities in the 19th Century and of even the Bab himself being martyred, an event commemorated every July 9th. Baha'u'llah spent most of his life as a prisoner and exile as well. From the 1980s onward, the continued mistreatment of Baha'is in Iran was used as a powerful recruitment tool; if people were willing to die for this Faith, it must be good, right? Never mind that in places like Nazi Germany, members of cults like the Watchtower's Jehovah's Witnesses were also executed.....yet many still reject its teachings. Not to mention the vast numbers of Germans who were willing to fight and die in the service of Hitler during World War II.

And still another of His trials was the hostility, the flagrant injustice, the iniquity and rebellion of Mírzá Yaḥyá. Although that Wronged One, that Prisoner, had through His loving-kindness nurtured him in His own bosom ever since his early years, had showered at every moment His tender care upon him, exalted his name, shielded him from every misfortune, endeared him to them of this world and the next, and despite the firm exhortations and counsels of His Holiness, the Exalted One (the Báb) and His clear and conclusive warning;—"Beware, beware, lest the Nineteen Letters of the Living and that which hath been revealed in the Bayán veil thee!" yet notwithstanding this, Mírzá Yaḥyá denied Him, dealt falsely with Him, believed Him not, sowed the seeds of doubt, closed his eyes to His manifest verses and turned aside therefrom. Would that he had been content therewith! Nay, he even attempted to shed the sacred blood (of Bahá'u'lláh) and then raised a great clamor and tumult around him, attributing unto Bahá'u'lláh malevolence and cruelty towards himself. What sedition he stirred up and what a storm of mischief he raised whilst in the Land of Mystery (Adrianople)! At last, he wrought that which caused the Day-Star of the world to be sent an exile to this, the Most Great Prison, and sorely wronged, and in the West of this Great Prison He did set.

I already addressed this embarrassing issue before, so I am content to ***merely repeat what I said****:*

Baha'u'llah and his brother became enemies during their time together in the Turkish city of Adrianople (now called Edirne), when Mirza Yahya rejected Baha'u'llah's claims of being the one the Bab foretold, and insisted that he was the rightful leader of the Babis, having been appointed to that role by the Bab himself. But he proved to be so cowardly and incompetent that Baha'u'llah was able to win most of the Babis to his side, making them Baha'is, while the remaining Babis were renamed Azalis after Mirza Yahya's title. You'd think it was obvious that the Bab had made a mistake with his appointment, but the hilarious thing about Manifestations of God like the Bab and Baha'u'llah is that THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE MISTAKEN ABOUT ANYTHING! So Baha'i history has been rewritten to whitewash this issue.

I should note that in this case I was to some degree taking what Baha'i propaganda said about Mirza Yahya at face value, and thus showing that even when you do, problems of credibility result.

O ye that stand fast and firm in the Covenant! The Center of Sedition, the Prime Mover of mischief, Mírzá Muḥammad 'Alí, hath passed out from under the shadow of the Cause, hath broken the Covenant, hath falsified the Holy Text, hath inflicted a grievous loss upon the true Faith of God, hath scattered His people, hath with bitter rancor endeavored to hurt 'Abdu'l-Bahá and hath assailed with the utmost enmity this servant of the Sacred Threshold. Every dart he seized and hurled to pierce the breast of this wronged servant, no wound did he neglect to grievously inflict upon me, no venom did he spare but he poisoned therewith the life of this hapless one. I swear by the most holy Abhá Beauty and by the Light shining from His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my soul be a sacrifice for Their lowly servants), that because of this iniquity the dwellers in the Pavilion of the Abhá Kingdom have bewailed, the Celestial Concourse is lamenting, the Immortal Maids of Heaven in the All-Highest Paradise have raised their plaintive cries and the angelic company sighed and uttered their moanings. So grievous the deeds of this iniquitous person became that he struck with his axe at the root of the Blessed Tree, dealt a heavy blow at the Temple of the Cause of God, deluged with tears of blood the eyes of the loved ones of the Blessed Beauty, cheered and encouraged the enemies of the One True God, by his repudiation of the Covenant turned many a seeker after Truth aside from the Cause of God, revived the blighted hopes of Yaḥyá's following, made himself detested, caused the enemies of the Greatest Name to become audacious and arrogant, put aside the firm and conclusive verses and sowed the seeds of doubt. Had not the promised aid of the Ancient Beauty been graciously vouchsafed at every moment to this one, unworthy though he be, he surely would have destroyed, nay exterminated the Cause of God and utterly subverted the Divine Edifice. But, praised be the Lord, the triumphant assistance of the Abhá Kingdom was received, the hosts of the Realm above hastened to bestow victory. The Cause of God was promoted far and wide, the call of the True One was noised abroad, ears in all regions were inclined to the Word of God, His standard was unfurled, the ensigns of Holiness gloriously waved aloft and the verses celebrating His Divine Unity were chanted. Now, that the true Faith of God may be shielded and protected, His Law guarded and preserved and His Cause remain safe and secure, it is incumbent upon everyone to hold fast unto the Text of the clear and firmly established blessed verse, revealed about him. None other transgression greater than his can be ever imagined. He (Bahá'u'lláh) sayeth, glorious and holy is His Word:—"My foolish loved ones have regarded him even as my partner, have kindled sedition in the land and they verily are of the mischief-makers." Consider, how foolish are the people! They that have been in His (Bahá'u'lláh's) Presence and beheld His Countenance, have nevertheless noised abroad such idle talk, until, exalted be His explicit words, He said:—"Should he for a moment pass out from under the shadow of the Cause, he surely shall be brought to naught." Reflect! What stress He

layeth upon one moment's deviation: that is, were he to incline a hair's breadth to the right or to the left, his deviation would be clearly established and his utter nothingness made manifest. And now ye are witnessing how the wrath of God hath from all sides afflicted him and how day by day he is speeding towards destruction. Ere long will ye behold him and his associates, outwardly and inwardly, condemned to utter ruin.

Returning once more to ***what I wrote before****:*

A generation later, Baha'u'llah stated in his will and testament that Abdu'l-Baha was to be the rightful leader of the Baha'i community, but also stated that Mirza Muhammad-Ali, Abdu'l-Baha's own younger half-brother, would be the first son's lieutenant and eventual successor. But Abdu'l-Baha decided to pull the same stunt against his brother that Baha'u'llah did against Mirza Yahya, denying him any place in the hierarchy of the Faith! Again, it could not be admitted that either Baha'u'llah had made an error or that Abdu'l-Baha had been treacherous, so Baha'i history was written to make it appear that the "betrayal" was all on Mirza Muhammad-Ali after Baha'u'llah's death, depicting this wayward son as a horrible villain and Abdu'l-Baha as a virtuous hero in ridiculously cartoonish terms. Never mind that many of Baha'u'llah's relatives actually sided with the younger brother in this case.

I must point out that both Mirza Yahya and Mirza Muhammad-Ali were prisoners and exiles just as Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha were. If being a victim of persecution did not make the former ones credible, why should the latter ones get a pass? And why indeed would anyone take seriously a religion that most of the descendants of its own Prophet-Founder were not faithful to?

What deviation can be greater than breaking the Covenant of God! What deviation can be greater than interpolating and falsifying the words and verses of the Sacred Text, even as testified and declared by Mírzá Badí'u'lláh! What deviation can be greater than calumniating the Center of the Covenant himself! What deviation can be more glaring than spreading broadcast false and foolish reports touching the Temple of God's Testament! What deviation can be more grievous than decreeing the death of the Center of the Covenant, supported by the holy verse:—"He that layeth a claim ere the passing of a thousand years...," whilst he (Muḥammad 'Alí) without shame in the days of the Blessed Beauty had advanced such a claim as this and been confuted by Him in the aforementioned manner, the text of his claim being still extant in his own handwriting and bearing his own seal. What deviation can be more complete than falsely accusing the loved ones of God! What deviation can be more evil than causing their imprisonment and incarceration! What deviation can be more severe than delivering into the hands of the government the Holy Writings and Epistles, that haply they (the government) might arise intent upon the death of this wronged one! What deviation can be more violent than threatening the ruin of the Cause of God, forging and slanderously falsifying letters and documents so that this might perturb and alarm the government and lead to the shedding of the blood of this wronged one,—such letters and documents being now in the possession of the government! What deviation can be more odious than his iniquity and rebellion! What deviation can be more shameful than dispersing the gathering of the people of salvation! What deviation can be more infamous than the vain and feeble interpretations of the people of doubt! What deviation can be more wicked than joining hands with strangers and with the enemies of God!

Mirza Badi'u'llah was a younger full brother of Mirza Muhammad Ali who had a brief falling out with the latter and went to join his half-brother Abdu'l-Baha, only to later turn back to Mirza Muhammad-Ali once more. Such

disloyalty is hardly commendable, yet even after he rebelled against Abdu'l-Baha again, his statement condemning his full brother was used as propaganda. Seems Abdu'l-Baha was an opportunist too. Should we assume that Badi'u'llah was telling the truth? I wouldn't!

Also…..wasn't it Abdu'l-Baha who first stirred up trouble by claiming to be INFALLIBLE? Would Baha'u'llah have allowed that?

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> **Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evilhearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in 'Iráq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot.**
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> **He Who is the Dawning-place of God's Cause hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." God hath reserved this distinction unto His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that which the Book of God set forth and who were numbered with the heedless.**

What deviation can be greater than claiming for yourself what only GOD and his MESSENGERS themselves could ever claim, according to the Kitab-i-Aqdas itself! So Abdu'l-Baha was engaging in the most massive case of PROJECTION I've ever seen!

> **A few months ago, in concert with others, he that hath broken the Covenant hath prepared a document teeming with calumny and slander wherein, the Lord forbid, among many similar slanderous charges, 'Abdu'l-Bahá is deemed a deadly enemy, the ill-wisher of the Crown. They so perturbed the minds of the members of the Imperial Government that at last a Committee of Investigation was sent from the seat of His Majesty's Government which, violating every rule of justice and equity that befit His Imperial Majesty, nay, with the most glaring injustice, proceeded with its investigations. The ill-wishers of the One True God surrounded them on every side and explained and excessively enlarged upon the text of the document whilst they (the members of the Committee) in their turn blindly acquiesced. One of their many calumnies was that this servant had raised aloft a banner in this city, had summoned the people together under it, had established a new sovereignty for himself, had erected upon Mount Carmel a mighty stronghold, had rallied around him all the peoples of the land and made them obedient to him, had caused disruption in the Faith of Islám, had covenanted with the following of Christ and, God forbid, had purposed to cause the gravest breach in the mighty power of the Crown. May the Lord protect us from such atrocious falsehoods!**

Well, at least the authorities of the Ottoman Empire conducted an investigation to check out the claims made against Abdu'l-Baha. I'd think if those claims were so blatantly false and malicious, Abdu'l-Baha would have welcomed the chance to clear his name and prove Mirza Muhammad Ali a liar. The fact that he was actually so worried about the matter means two things: His faith was weak and he was indeed up to something subversive.

> **According to the direct and sacred command of God we are forbidden to utter slander, are commanded to show forth peace and amity, are exhorted to rectitude of conduct, straightforwardness and harmony with all the kindreds and peoples of the world. We must obey and be the well-wishers of the governments of the land, regard disloyalty unto a just king as disloyalty to God Himself and wishing evil to the government a transgression of the Cause of God. With these final and decisive words, how can it be that these imprisoned ones should indulge in such vain fancies; incarcerated, how could they show forth such disloyalty! But alas! The Committee of Investigation hath approved and confirmed these calumnies of my brother and ill-wishers and submitted them to the presence of His Majesty the Sovereign. Now at this moment a fierce storm is raging around this prisoner who awaiteth, be it favorable or unfavorable, the gracious will of His Majesty, may the Lord aid him by His grace to be just. In whatsoever condition he may be, with absolute calm and quietness, 'Abdu'l-Bahá is ready for self-sacrifice and is wholly resigned and submitted to His Will. What transgression can be more abominable, more odious, more wicked than this!**

Official Baha'i propaganda depicts the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire as a despot, so if he was evil enough to have an innocent person like Abdu'l-Baha supposedly was executed for lies that were told of him, wouldn't that justify rebellion against the Sultan? There is a critical failure of logic right here!

> **In like manner, the focal Center of Hate, hath purposed to put 'Abdu'l-Bahá to death and this is supported by the testimony written by Mírzá Shu'á'u'lláh himself and is here enclosed. It is evident and indisputable that they are privily and with the utmost subtlety engaged in conspiring against me. The following are his very words written by him in this letter:—"I curse at every moment him that hath kindled this discord, imprecate in these words 'Lord! have no mercy upon him' and I hope ere long God will make manifest the one that shall have no pity on him, who now weareth another garb and about whom I cannot any more explain." Reference he doth make by these words to the sacred verse that beginneth as follows:—"He that layeth a claim ere the passing of a thousand years..." Reflect! How intent they are upon the death of 'Abdu'l-Bahá! Ponder in your hearts upon the phrase "I cannot any more explain" and realize what schemes they are devising for this purpose. They fear lest, too fully explained, the letter might fall into alien hands and their schemes be foiled and frustrated. The phrase is only foretelling good tidings to come, namely that regarding this all requisite arrangements have been made.**

What a HYPOCRITE!!!! It was Baha'u'llah's own words that condemned you, Abdu'l-Baha, not anything your brother said or wrote! How dare you put yourself above your own father!

> **O God, my God! Thou seest this wronged servant of Thine, held fast in the talons of ferocious lions, of ravening wolves, of bloodthirsty beasts. Graciously assist me, through my love for Thee, that I may drink deep of the chalice that brimmeth over with faithfulness to Thee and is filled with Thy bountiful Grace; so that, fallen upon the dust, I may sink prostrate and senseless whilst my vesture is dyed crimson with my blood. This is my wish, my heart's desire, my hope, my pride, my glory. Grant, O Lord my God, and my Refuge, that in my last hour, my end may**

even as musk shed its fragrance of glory! Is there a bounty greater than this? Nay, by Thy Glory! I call Thee to witness that no day passeth but that I quaff my fill from this cup, so grievous are the misdeeds wrought by them that have broken the Covenant, kindled discord, showed their malice, stirred sedition in the land and dishonored Thee amidst Thy servants. Lord! in the land and dishonored Thee amidst Thy servants. Lord! Shield Thou from these Covenant-breakers the mighty Stronghold of Thy Faith and protect Thy secret Sanctuary from the onslaught of the ungodly. Thou art in truth the Mighty, the Powerful, the Gracious, the Strong.

(((No comment.)))

In short, O ye beloved of the Lord! The Center of Sedition, Mírzá Muḥammad ‘Alí, in accordance with the decisive words of God and by reason of his boundless transgression, hath grievously fallen and been cut off from the Holy Tree. Verily, we wronged them not, but they have wronged themselves!

Need I point out that the most despicable liars are those who insist they are telling the truth and their opponents are the ones lying? The ultimate judge of who is truthful would be empirical evidence and in the absence of that, credible documentation from various reliable sources.....including, in this case, the writings of Baha'u'llah. If you contradict those writings and claim to be a Baha'i, THAT is breaking his covenant, not merely disputing with the claimed absolute authority of Abdu'l-Baha while using the writings of Baha'ullah himself to justify that dispute. HELLO!!!!!

O God, my God! Shield Thy trusted servants from the evils of self and passion, protect them with the watchful eye of Thy loving kindness from all rancor, hate and envy, shelter them in the impregnable stronghold of Thy care and, safe from the darts of doubtfulness, make them the manifestations of Thy glorious Signs, illumine their faces with the effulgent rays shed from the Dayspring of Thy Divine Unity, gladden their hearts with the verses revealed from Thy Holy Kingdom, strengthen their loins by Thy all-swaying power that cometh from Thy Realm of Glory. Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Protector, the Almighty, the Gracious!

(((No comment again.)))

O ye that stand fast in the Covenant! When the hour cometh that this wronged and broken-winged bird will have taken its flight into the Celestial Concourse, when it will have hastened to the Realm of the Unseen and its mortal frame will have been either lost or hidden neath the dust, it is incumbent upon the Afnán, that are steadfast in the Covenant of God and have branched from the Tree of Holiness; the Hands, (pillars) of the Cause of God (the glory of the Lord rest upon them), and all the friends and loved ones, one and all to bestir themselves and arise with heart and soul and in one accord, to diffuse the sweet savors of God, to teach His Cause and to promote His Faith. It behooveth them not to rest for a moment, neither to seek repose. They must disperse themselves in every land, pass by every clime, and travel throughout all regions. Bestirred, without rest and steadfast to the end they must raise in every land the triumphal cry "O Thou the Glory of Glories!" (Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá), must achieve renown in the world wherever they go, must burn brightly even as a candle in every meeting and must kindle the flame of Divine love in every assembly; that the light of truth may rise resplendent in the midmost heart of the world, that throughout the East and throughout the West a vast concourse may gather under the shadow of the Word of God, that the sweet savors of holiness may be diffused, that faces may shine radiantly, hearts be filled with the Divine spirit and souls be made heavenly.

Today, the Baha'i Faith is considered to be the second most widespread religion in the world. (Christianity is number one.) This is a direct result of the efforts called for in this passage above, but this achievement has come at a cost, because in no part of the world have Baha'is ever attained a majority. And without that, we cannot see how the Baha'i teachings can indeed be of benefit to an entire people. And at the dismal rate it seems to be growing, perhaps we will never find that out.

> **In these days, the most important of all things is the guidance of the nations and peoples of the world. Teaching the Cause is of utmost importance for it is the head corner-stone of the foundation itself. This wronged servant has spent his days and nights in promoting the Cause and urging the peoples to service. He rested not a moment, till the fame of the Cause of God was noised abroad in the world and the celestial strains from the Abhá Kingdom roused the East and the West. The beloved of God must also follow the same example. This is the secret of faithfulness, this is the requirement of servitude to the Threshold of Bahá!**

One of the biggest outright lies Baha'is tell outsiders is that their Faith does not require them to proselytize. They do this by redefining that word to mean using coercion to force people to profess outwardly a religion, but in fact ***the proper definition of that word*** *is:*

> to induce someone to convert to one's faith

which is indeed what was done to me when the Baha'is in the Fort Worth area proceeded to TEACH me the Faith. Teaching and proselytism are one and the same.

Which means the Universal House of Justice, the current Supreme Body of the Baha'i Faith, lied when it claimed otherwise.

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> **Teaching vs. Proselytizing**
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> [308.3] It is true that Baha'u'llah lays on every Baha'i the duty to teach His Faith. At the same time, however, we are forbidden to proselytize, so it is important for all believers to understand the difference between teaching and proselytizing. It is a significant difference and, in some countries where teaching a religion is permitted, but proselytizing is forbidden, the distinction is made in the law of the land. Proselytizing implies bringing undue pressure to bear upon someone to change his Faith. It is also usually understood to imply the making of threats or the offering of material benefits as an inducement to conversion. In some countries mission schools or hospitals, for all the good they do, are regarded with suspicion and even aversion by the local authorities because they are considered to be material inducements to conversion and hence instruments of proselytization.

That is not a surprise considering that this same body claims to promote equality of the sexes while ***denying women the right to serve as members on it****.*

> **The disciples of Christ forgot themselves and all earthly things, forsook all their cares and belongings, purged themselves of self and passion and with absolute detachment scattered far and wide and engaged in calling the peoples of the world to the Divine Guidance, till at last they made the world another world, illumined the surface of the earth and even to their last hour proved self-sacrificing in the pathway of that Beloved One of God. Finally in various lands they suffered glorious martyrdom. Let them that are men of action follow in their footsteps!**

It took Christianity over 300 years to take over the Roman Empire, which was one part of the world back then. How

long might it take for the Baha'i Faith to take over the entire world? Somehow, the cartoon show ***Pinky and the Brain*** *comes to mind.*

> **O my loving friends! After the passing away of this wronged one, it is incumbent upon the Aghṣán (Branches), the Afnán (Twigs) of the Sacred Lote-Tree, the Hands (pillars) of the Cause of God and the loved ones of the Abhá Beauty to turn unto Shoghi Effendi—the youthful branch branched from the two hallowed and sacred Lote-Trees and the fruit grown from the union of the two offshoots of the Tree of Holiness,—as he is the sign of God, the chosen branch, the Guardian of the Cause of God, he unto whom all the Aghṣán, the Afnán, the Hands of the Cause of God and His loved ones must turn. He is the expounder of the words of God and after him will succeed the first-born of his lineal descendents.**

So FINALLY after all the long-winded bashing of his enemies and the calling of Baha'is to conquer the world, we get to the actual point of the Will and Testament, appointing Abdu'l-Baha's successor as head of the Baha'i Faith. It is to be Shoghi Effendi, his grandson. Note that at the end of this paragraph it reads **"after him will succeed the first-born of his lineal descendents."** *That seems like a prophecy, doesn't it?*

> **The sacred and youthful branch, the Guardian of the Cause of God, as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abhá Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both). Whatsoever they decide is of God. Whoso obeyeth him not, neither obeyeth them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelleth against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposeth him hath opposed God; whoso contendeth with them hath contended with God; whoso disputeth with him hath disputed with God; whoso denieth him hath denied God; whoso disbelieveth in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviateth, separateth himself and turneth aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God. May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rest upon him! The mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe through obedience to him who is the Guardian of the Cause of God. It is incumbent upon the members of the House of Justice, upon all the Aghṣán, the Afnán, the Hands of the Cause of God to show their obedience, submissiveness and subordination unto the Guardian of the Cause of God, to turn unto him and be lowly before him. He that opposeth him hath opposed the True One, will make a breach in the Cause of God, will subvert His Word and will become a manifestation of the Center of Sedition. Beware, beware, lest the days after the ascension (of Bahá'u'lláh) be repeated when the Center of Sedition waxed haughty and rebellious and with Divine Unity for his excuse deprived himself and perturbed and poisoned others. No doubt every vainglorious one that purposeth dissension and discord will not openly declare his evil purposes, nay rather, even as impure gold, will he seize upon divers measures and various pretexts that he may separate the gathering of the people of Bahá. My object is to show that the Hands of the Cause of God must be ever watchful and so soon as they find anyone beginning to oppose and protest against the Guardian of the Cause of God, cast him out from the congregation of the people of Bahá and in no wise accept any excuse from him. How often hath grievous error been disguised in the garb of truth, that it might sow the seeds of doubt in the hearts of men!**

After Shoghi Effendi took over as Guardian, one of his bitterest opponents was Ruth White, who had converted to the Faith under Abdu'l-Baha. Not only did she deny Shoghi Effendi's authority, she even went so far as to claim that his grandfather's Will and Testament was a forgery, that Abdu'l-Baha never intended for the Faith to be made so organized as the Guardian was beginning to do. Personally, I have never taken Ruth White's claim seriously, but I do

understand why it was made: The assertion in that Will and Testament that the Guardian and the Universal House of Justice would have the exact same authority as God is not only a contradiction of what Baha'u'llah wrote in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, I would consider it to be outright ***BLASPHEMY*** *in any case! Perhaps Mrs. White was simply in denial that Abdu'l-Baha, the man she had so loved, would be such a liar and backstabber of the principles of faithfulness to Baha'u'llah's teachings themselves. But he clearly was!*

> **O ye beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:—"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him.**

Shoghi Effendi failed to obey that passage above, and while you can excuse the fact that he had no children, the fact also was that he expelled from the Baha'i community ALL of his brothers, sisters, aunts and cousins, leaving no remaining descendant of Baha'u'llah for him to appoint as his successor. And that was indeed his own fault! When you have so many of your own relatives who seem disobedient to you, what is happening? It seems clear that those who were closest to him must have seen evidence of some kind of mental sickness in him making him unfit to be a leader. Otherwise, their supposed rebellion against their own brother/cousin/nephew makes absolutely no sense at all.

> **The Hands of the Cause of God must elect from their own number nine persons that shall at all times be occupied in the important services in the work of the Guardian of the Cause of God. The election of these nine must be carried either unanimously or by majority from the company of the Hands of the Cause of God and these, whether unanimously or by a majority vote, must give their assent to the choice of the one whom the Guardian of the Cause of God hath chosen as his successor. This assent must be given in such wise as the assenting and dissenting voices may not be distinguished (i.e., secret ballot).**
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> **O friends! The Hands of the Cause of God must be nominated and appointed by the Guardian of the Cause of God. All must be under his shadow and obey his command. Should any, within or without the company of the Hands of the Cause of God disobey and seek division, the wrath of God and His vengeance will be upon him, for he will have caused a breach in the true Faith of God.**

After Shoghi Effendi died in 1957, the Hands of the Cause of God decided to follow this provision of the Will and Testament, despite there being no one appointed as the second Guardian. Nine of their number were thus elected to be "Custodians of the Baha'i Faith", including Charles Mason Remey. Then in 1960, Remey tried to take over the Faith for himself by claiming to be the second Guardian, despite NO indication from Shoghi Effendi that this was ever intended. Remey and those who sided with him were expelled from the Baha'i community as a result.

Since Shoghi Effendi did not obey Abdul-Baha, as I showed, that may have justified in Remey's mind his attempt to claim the Guardianship despite not being a descendant of Baha'ullah. In this case, he simply lost a popularity contest.

> **The obligations of the Hands of the Cause of God are to diffuse the Divine Fragrances, to edify the souls of men, to promote learning, to improve the character of all men and to be, at all**

times and under all conditions, sanctified and detached from earthly things. They must manifest the fear of God by their conduct, their manners, their deeds and their words.

This body of the Hands of the Cause of God is under the direction of the Guardian of the Cause of God. He must continually urge them to strive and endeavor to the utmost of their ability to diffuse the sweet savors of God, and to guide all the peoples of the world, for it is the light of Divine Guidance that causeth all the universe to be illumined. To disregard, though it be for a moment, this absolute command which is binding upon everyone, is in no wise permitted, that the existent world may become even as the Abhá Paradise, that the surface of the earth may become heavenly, that contention and conflict amidst peoples, kindreds, nations and governments may disappear, that all the dwellers on earth may become one people and one race, that the world may become even as one home. Should differences arise, they shall be amicably and conclusively settled by the Supreme Tribunal, that shall include members from all the governments and peoples of the world.

This gives more details about the Hands of the Cause of God and their duties.

O ye beloved of the Lord! In this sacred Dispensation, conflict and contention are in no wise permitted. Every aggressor deprives himself of God's grace. It is incumbent upon everyone to show the utmost love, rectitude of conduct, straightforwardness and sincere kindliness unto all the peoples and kindreds of the world, be they friends or strangers. So intense must be the spirit of love and loving kindness, that the stranger may find himself a friend, the enemy a true brother, no difference whatsoever existing between them. For universality is of God and all limitations earthly. Thus man must strive that his reality may manifest virtues and perfections, the light whereof may shine upon everyone. The light of the sun shineth upon all the world and the merciful showers of Divine Providence fall upon all peoples. The vivifying breeze reviveth every living creature and all beings endued with life obtain their share and portion at His heavenly board. In like manner, the affections and loving kindness of the servants of the One True God must be bountifully and universally extended to all mankind. Regarding this, restrictions and limitations are in no wise permitted.

This after all those harsh words about Abdu'l-Baha's own brother Mirza Muhammad-Ali, his uncle Mirza Yahya, and even the government of the Ottoman Empire. As far as I am concerned, Abdu'l-Baha could take these lofty exhortations of his and shove them up his @$$! They are pointless since he did not even pretend to obey them himself!

Wherefore, O my loving friends! Consort with all the peoples, kindreds and religions of the world with the utmost truthfulness, uprightness, faithfulness, kindliness, good-will and friendliness, that all the world of being may be filled with the holy ecstasy of the grace of Bahá, that ignorance, enmity, hate and rancor may vanish from the world and the darkness of estrangement amidst the peoples and kindreds of the world may give way to the Light of Unity. Should other peoples and nations be unfaithful to you show your fidelity unto them, should they be unjust toward you show justice towards them, should they keep aloof from you attract them to yourselves, should they show their enmity be friendly towards them, should they poison your lives, sweeten their souls, should they inflict a wound upon you, be a salve to their sores. Such are the attributes of the sincere! Such are the attributes of the truthful.

More of the same idealistic rhetoric.

And now, concerning the House of Justice which God hath ordained as the source of all good

and freed from all error, it must be elected by universal suffrage, that is, by the believers. Its members must be manifestations of the fear of God and daysprings of knowledge and understanding, must be steadfast in God's faith and the well-wishers of all mankind. By this House is meant the Universal House of Justice, that is, in all countries a secondary House of Justice must be instituted, and these secondary Houses of Justice must elect the members of the Universal one. Unto this body all things must be referred. It enacteth all ordinances and regulations that are not to be found in the explicit Holy Text. By this body all the difficult problems are to be resolved and the Guardian of the Cause of God is its sacred head and the distinguished member for life of that body. Should he not attend in person its deliberations, he must appoint one to represent him. Should any of the members commit a sin, injurious to the common weal, the Guardian of the Cause of God hath at his own discretion the right to expel him, whereupon the people must elect another one in his stead. This House of Justice enacteth the laws and the government enforceth them. The legislative body must reinforce the executive, the executive must aid and assist the legislative body so that through the close union and harmony of these two forces, the foundation of fairness and justice may become firm and strong, that all the regions of the world may become even as Paradise itself.

Shoghi Effendi did not allow the Universal House of Justice to be established while he was alive and since he did not appoint a successor, no Guardian has served as the lifelong head of that body to this day. That means this entire paragraph is being constantly broken by that body!

Not only that, but the secondary and local "Houses of Justice" are actually referred to as National Spiritual Assemblies and Local Spiritual Assemblies. I myself served as a member of the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of North Richland Hills for several years. Why aren't the lesser bodies also called Houses of Justice to this day? Because then women would be barred from serving on them, just as they are barred from membership of the Universal House of Justice!

O Lord, my God! Assist Thy loved ones to be firm in Thy Faith, to walk in Thy ways, to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Give them Thy grace to withstand the onslaught of self and passion, to follow the light of Divine Guidance. Thou art the Powerful, the Gracious, the Self-Subsisting, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

(((No comment yet again.)))

O friends of 'Abdu'l-Bahá! The Lord, as a sign of His infinite bounties, hath graciously favored His servants by providing for a fixed money offering (Ḥuqúq), to be dutifully presented unto Him, though He, the True One and His servants have been at all times independent of all created things, and God verily is the All-Possessing, exalted above the need of any gift from His creatures. This fixed money offering, however, causeth the people to become firm and steadfast and draweth Divine increase upon them. It is to be offered through the Guardian of the Cause of God, that it may be expended for the diffusion of the Fragrances of God and the exaltation of His Word, for benevolent pursuits and for the common weal.

So without a Guardian, even payments of Ḥuqúqu'lláh (a unique fund taken from 19% of one's savings) cannot be offered, right?

O ye beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon you to be submissive to all monarchs that are just and to show your fidelity to every righteous king. Serve ye the sovereigns of the world with utmost truthfulness and loyalty. Show obedience unto them and be their well-wishers. Without

> **their leave and permission do not meddle with political affairs, for disloyalty to the just sovereign is disloyalty to God Himself**
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> **This is my counsel and the commandment of God unto you. Well is it with them that act accordingly.**

This passage above has been used ever since by Baha'is to explain why they never join political parties that might be in opposition to a government. And also why they seem to favor monarchies, despite that system of government being as outdated as it gets now.

And thus ends the first part of my critique.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABDU'L-BAHA, PART 2

This is the second part of my detailed criticism of one of the foundational documents of the Baha'i Faith. The first part is **here**.

As before, the actual text from that Will and Testament is in **green bold** and my responses will be mainly in *orange italics*. My source for the document is:

http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/will-testament-abdul-baha/#r=wta_en-title

Part Two

He Is God

O my Lord, my heart's Desire, Thou Whom I ever invoke, Thou Who art my Aider and my Shelter, my Helper and my Refuge! Thou seest me submerged in an ocean of calamities that overwhelm the soul, of afflictions that oppress the heart, of woes that disperse Thy gathering, of ills and pains that scatter Thy flock. Sore trials have compassed me round and perils have from all sides beset me. Thou seest me immersed in a sea of unsurpassed tribulation, sunk into a fathomless abyss, afflicted by mine enemies and consumed with the flame of their hate, enkindled by my kinsmen with whom Thou didst make Thy strong Covenant and Thy firm Testament, wherein Thou biddest them turn their hearts to this wronged one, to keep away from me the foolish, the unjust, and refer unto this lonely one all that about which they differ in Thy Holy Book, so that the Truth may be revealed unto them, their doubts may be dispelled and Thy manifest Signs be spread abroad.

Yet now Thou seest them, O Lord, my God! with Thine eye that sleepeth not, how that they have broken Thy Covenant and turned their backs thereon, how with hate and rebelliousness they have erred from Thy Testament and have arisen intent upon malice.

(((No comment.)))

Adversities have waxed still more severe as they rose with unbearable cruelty to overpower and crush me, as they scattered far and wide their scrolls of doubt and in utter falsehood hurled their calumnies upon me. Not content with this, their chief, O my God, hath dared to interpolate Thy Book, to fraudulently alter Thy decisive Holy Text and falsify that which hath been revealed by Thy All-Glorious Pen. He did also maliciously insert that which Thou didst reveal for the one that hath wrought the most glaring cruelty upon Thee, disbelieved in Thee and denied Thy wondrous Signs, into what Thou didst reveal for this servant of Thine that hath been wronged in this world. All this he did that he might beguile the souls of men and breathe his evil whisperings into the hearts of Thy devoted ones. Thereunto did their second chief testify, confessing it in his own handwriting, setting thereupon his seal and spreading it throughout all regions. O my God! Could there be a more grievous injustice than this? And still they rested not, but further strove with stubbornness, falsehood and slander, with scorn and calumny to stir up sedition in the midst of the government of this land and elsewhere, causing them to deem me a sower of sedition and filling the minds with things that the ear abhorreth to

hear. The government was thus alarmed, fear fell upon the sovereign, and the suspicion of the nobility was aroused. Minds were troubled, affairs were upset, souls were perturbed, the fire of anguish and sorrow was kindled within the breasts, the Holy Leaves (of the Household) were convulsed and shaken, their eyes rained with tears, their sighs and lamentations were raised and their hearts burned within them as they bewailed this wronged servant of Thine, fallen a victim into the hands of these, his kindred, nay, his very enemies!

So here Abdu'l-Baha accuses his opponents of altering Baha'i Writings to suit their nefarious agenda. There are actually references in the Quran where the Prophet Muhammad also accused Jews and Christians of rewriting their own scriptures to promote dogmas that were against what Allah had intended. Naturally one would wonder if it is possible that parts of the Quran itself was altered, omitted, or added without permission and input from the Prophet himself, since it is acknowledged that the Quran wasn't even assembled by Muhammad, but only done some years after his death. This was the actual premise of the Satanic Verses by Salman Rushdie, which led Muslims everywhere to condemn him for blasphemy and even call for his death. But blasphemy is really an offense against God himself and neither the Quran nor the Prophet Muhammad are God. How ironic is that?

Not to mention that yet AGAIN Abdu'l-Baha mostly repeats a lot of what he wrote in part one of his Will and Testament. Just like his father in the Kitab-i-Aqdas did repeatedly.

Lord! Thou seest all things weeping me, and my kindred rejoicing in my woes. By Thy Glory, O my God! Even amongst mine enemies, some have lamented my troubles and my distress, and of the envious ones a number have shed tears because of my cares, my exile and my afflictions. They did this because they found naught in me but affection and care and witnessed naught but kindliness and mercy. As they saw me swept into the flood of tribulation and adversity and exposed even as a target to the arrows of fate, their hearts were moved with compassion, tears came to their eyes and they testified declaring:—"The Lord is our witness; naught have we seen from him but faithfulness, generosity and extreme compassion." The Covenant-breakers, foreboders of evil, however, waxed fiercer in their rancor, rejoiced as I fell a victim to the most grievous ordeal, bestirred themselves against me and made merry over the heartrending happenings around me.

I call upon Thee, O Lord my God! with my tongue and with all my heart, not to requite them for their cruelty and their wrong-doings, their craft and their mischief, for they are foolish and ignoble and know not what they do. They discern not good from evil, neither do they distinguish right from wrong, nor justice from injustice. They follow their own desires and walk in the footsteps of the most imperfect and foolish amongst them. O my Lord! Have mercy upon them, shield them from all afflictions in these troubled times and grant that all trials and hardships may be the lot of this Thy servant that hath fallen into this darksome pit. Single me out for every woe and make me a sacrifice for all Thy loved ones. O Lord, Most High! May my soul, my life, my being, my spirit, my all be offered up for them. O God, my God! Lowly, suppliant and fallen upon my face, I beseech Thee with all the ardor of my invocation to pardon whosoever hath hurt me, forgive him that hath conspired against me and offended me, and wash away the misdeeds of them that have wrought injustice upon me. Vouchsafe unto them Thy goodly gifts, give them joy, relieve them from sorrow, grant them peace and prosperity, give them Thy bliss and pour upon them Thy bounty.

Thou art the Powerful, the Gracious, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!

This is the tedious, the annoying, the self-defeating. Is there a grade lower than F a teacher could give Abdu'l-Baha

for his lame looooooong-winded writing here?

O dearly beloved friends! I am now in very great danger and the hope of even an hour's life is lost to me. I am thus constrained to write these lines for the protection of the Cause of God, the preservation of His Law, the safeguarding of His Word and the safety of His Teachings. By the Ancient Beauty! This wronged one hath in no wise borne nor doth he bear a grudge against any one; towards none doth he entertain any ill-feeling and uttereth no word save for the good of the world. My supreme obligation, however, of necessity, prompteth me to guard and preserve the Cause of God. Thus, with the greatest regret, I counsel you saying: Guard ye the Cause of God, protect His law and have the utmost fear of discord. This is the foundation of the belief of the people of Bahá (may my life be offered up for them): "His Holiness, the Exalted One (the Báb), is the Manifestation of the Unity and Oneness of God and the Forerunner of the Ancient Beauty. His Holiness the Abhá Beauty (may my life be a sacrifice for His steadfast friends) is the Supreme Manifestation of God and the Dayspring of His Most Divine Essence. All others are servants unto Him and do His bidding." Unto the Most Holy Book every one must turn and all that is not expressly recorded therein must be referred to the Universal House of Justice. That which this body, whether unanimously or by a majority doth carry, that is verily the Truth and the Purpose of God Himself. Whoso doth deviate therefrom is verily of them that love discord, hath shown forth malice and turned away from the Lord of the Covenant. By this House is meant that Universal House of Justice which is to be elected from all countries, that is from those parts in the East and West where the loved ones are to be found, after the manner of the customary elections in Western countries such as those of England.

It is incumbent upon these members (of the Universal House of Justice) to gather in a certain place and deliberate upon all problems which have caused difference, questions that are obscure and matters that are not expressly recorded in the Book. Whatsoever they decide has the same effect as the Text itself. And inasmuch as this House of Justice hath power to enact laws that are not expressly recorded in the Book and bear upon daily transactions, so also it hath power to repeal the same. Thus for example, the House of Justice enacteth today a certain law and enforceth it, and a hundred years hence, circumstances having profoundly changed and the conditions having altered, another House of Justice will then have power, according to the exigencies of the time, to alter that law. This it can do because that law formeth no part of the Divine Explicit Text. The House of Justice is both the initiator and the abrogator of its own laws.

Abdu'l-Baha must have written part two of his Will and Testament soon after completing part one, which makes me wonder why he even bothered to have two or more parts. I have already noted that this document is really at least ten times longer than it needed to be. And even when he begins to make statements with real substance in them, he launches into the kind of hyperbole that makes me cringe. One wonders if he was expecting the authorities of the Ottoman Empire to burst into his home and execute him on the spot. If so, couldn't they also find, confiscate and suppress his Will and Testament? If that was unlikely, why scream about being in immediate danger of death?

"This wronged one hath in no wise borne nor doth he bear a grudge against any one; towards none doth he entertain any ill-feeling and uttereth no word save for the good of the world."

What was that earlier about all those angry words he threw out at his own brother, who he stigmatized as the Center of Sedition, the Center of Hate, the Prime Mover of mischief, among other insults?

Here also Abdu'l-Baha defines one of the duties of the Universal House of Justice: to pass legislation referring to

issues not dealt with in the Most Holy Book (Kitab-i-Aqdas). And that legislation, once passed, is absolutely binding and cannot be challenged by Baha'is. Thus, even while stating that the House of Justice is democratically elected, Abdu'l-Baha declares its powers are those of an absolute dictatorship!

> **And now, one of the greatest and most fundamental principles of the Cause of God is to shun and avoid entirely the Covenant-breakers, for they will utterly destroy the Cause of God, exterminate His Law and render of no account all efforts exerted in the past. O friends! It behooveth you to call to mind with tenderness the trials of His Holiness, the Exalted One, and show your fidelity to the Ever-Blest Beauty. The utmost endeavor must be exerted lest all these woes, trials and afflictions, all this pure and sacred blood that hath been shed so profusely in the Path of God, may prove to be in vain. Ye know well what the hands of the Center of Sedition, Mírzá Muḥammad 'Alí, and his associates have wrought. Among his doings, one of them is the corruption of the Sacred Text whereof ye are all aware, the Lord be praised, and know that it is evident, proven and confirmed by the testimony of his brother, Mírzá Badí'u'lláh, whose confession is written in his own handwriting, beareth his seal, is printed and spread abroad. This is but one of his misdeeds. Can a transgression be imagined more glaring than this, the interpolation of the Holy Text? Nay, by the righteousness of the Lord! His transgressions are writ and recorded in a leaflet by itself. Please God, ye will peruse it.**
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> **In short, according to the explicit Divine Text the least transgression shall make of this man a fallen creature, and what transgression is more grievous than attempting to destroy the Divine Edifice, breaking the Covenant, erring from the Testament, falsifying the Holy Text, sowing the seeds of doubt, calumniating 'Abdu'l-Bahá, advancing claims for which God hath sent down no warrant, kindling mischief and striving to shed the very blood of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and many other things whereof ye are all aware! It is thus evident that should this man succeed in bringing disruption into the Cause of God, he will utterly destroy and exterminate it. Beware lest ye approach this man, for to approach him is worse than approaching fire!**

Question: If the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are indeed as airtight as they should be, why must Baha'is shun fellow Baha'is that disagree with them on how to interpret those teachings? That seems like a clear contradiction of the supposed Baha'i principle of ***independent investigation of truth****. You cannot do that while blindly obeying a commandment not to even talk to people who might in fact be closer to the truth than you are! How would you ever know?*

> **Gracious God! After Mírzá Badí'u'lláh had declared in his own handwriting that this man (Muḥammad 'Alí) had broken the Covenant and had proclaimed his falsification of the Holy Text, he realized that to return to the True Faith and pay allegiance to the Covenant and Testament would in no wise promote his selfish desires. He thus repented and regretted the thing he had done and attempted privily to gather in his printed confessions, plotted darkly with the Center of Sedition against me and informed him daily of all the happenings within my household. He has even taken a leading part in the mischievous deeds that have of late been committed. Praise be to God affairs recovered their former stability and the loved ones obtained partial peace. But ever since the day he entered again into our midst, he began afresh to sow the seeds of sore sedition. Some of his machinations and intrigues will be recorded in a separate leaflet.**

We already discussed this in ***part one*** *of this analysis. Now we see Abdu'l-Baha expressing "literary chaos", repeating yet again and in a different place what he did before. And if I was a lawyer and Badi'u'llah was a witness*

at a trial, I'd be asking him, "So when did you lie? Before you defected to Abdu'l-Baha or after? Or was it when you returned to serve Mirza Muhammad Ali again? How can we tell? You have no credibility!"

Speaking from my own experience, I became a Baha'i because of ignorance about the Faith and because of my being love-bombed by Baha'is at the firesides I was attending. I can imagine what must have been said about me among the Baha'is once my defection from the Faith become known. "Dale Husband must have realized that to continue to follow the Baha'i Faith would in no way promote his selfish desires, so he rebelled and now seeks to destroy our community! He even has allied with the godless Unitarian Universalists against us, because they do not make him believe in anything."

So it seems Badi'u'llah and I are in good company.

> **My purpose is, however, to show that it is incumbent upon the friends that are fast and firm in the Covenant and Testament to be ever wakeful lest after this wronged one is gone this alert and active worker of mischief may cause disruption, privily sow the seeds of doubt and sedition and utterly root out the Cause of God. A thousand times shun his company. Take heed and be on your guard. Watch and examine; should anyone, openly or privily, have the least connection with him, cast him out from your midst, for he will surely cause disruption and mischief.**

Well, if I was Badi'u'llah, I probably would not want be around brainwashed bigots like the Baha'is loyal to Abdu'l-Baha and later Shoghi Effendi either. I do know that after I resigned from the Baha'i Faith, I made absolutely NO attempt to contact members of the Baha'i community, nor would I have responded to requests by any members to meet with them anywhere.

I say this because recently Scott Hakala, who lives in the Dallas, Texas area and is a dedicated defender of the Haifan Baha'i dogmas, repeatedly demanded I meet with him to have a discussion of our disagreements. He never seemed to understand my commitment to SHUNNING him just as he would be expected to shun a "covenant-breaker". Same difference, except I CHOSE freely to do this, unlike Bahai's being ORDERED by their superiors to shun dissidents. I am content to battle with Hakala and other Baha'i dogmatists on the internet and that's all they should EVER expect from me, period.

> **O ye beloved of the Lord! Strive with all your heart to shield the Cause of God from the onslaught of the insincere, for souls such as these cause the straight to become crooked and all benevolent efforts to produce contrary results.**
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> **O God, my God! I call Thee, Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, Thy Saints and Thy Holy Ones, to witness that I have declared conclusively Thy Proofs unto Thy loved ones and set forth clearly all things unto them, that they may watch over Thy Faith, guard Thy Straight Path and protect Thy Resplendent Law. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!**

(((No comment again.)))

And so ends the second part of my critique. I am thankful indeed this part is so mercifully short, for I am once more getting sick of this crap!

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A HAIFAN BAHA'I OFFICIAL DENIES AN ISRAELI ADMISSION TO THE FAITH

First, take a look at this:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ode-Wnr5T14

We see clearly that this high ranking official of the Baha'i Faith is willing to deny someone who is a citizen of Israel membership in the Faith and actually says that Baha'u'llah commanded this.

But look at the comments that were posted on the video:

smilller919 It is Israeli law, not an edict from Baha'u'llah, that prevents Baha'is from teaching the faith in Israel.

KMehrabi You are incorrect. It has been a law in the Baha'i Faith 80 years before the modern state of Israel even existed.

belyear Mrs. Amsalem is the daughter of a Baha'i Covenant Breaker or dissident. He entire family was shunned in the early 20th century for disobeying Abdul'Baha (her Uncle). She may be a blood relative, but all Baha'i are required to shun her.

belyear Her father rebelled against Abdul'Baha. They are all considered Covenant Breaker and are to be shunned. Covenant Breaking is a contagious spiritual disease.

pinabarryscott Your are not telling the complete truth. It is a law in Israel that the Baha'is can not teach the faith! It is not from our writings! We would love to have people become Baha'is, but we most follow the law. The person you referring to is a covenant breaker. They caused Baha'u'llah's family much suffering! You must show the history of the faith.

So who or what is to blame for Baha'is not being allowed to seek and accept converts in Israel, Baha'u'llah or the Israeli government? I think.....neither.

The Universal House of Justice made this statement about the matter:

http://bahai-library.com/index.php?file=uhj_teaching_in_israel.html

The Universal House of Justice has received your email message dated 29 June 1995 and we have been asked to respond.

You have asked how the policy of not teaching Israelis applies in the situation in which you have contact with an Israeli via an "interactive relay chat" (IRC) connection. The House of Justice has not asked the friends to avoid contact with Israelis. When you discover that a person you are in contact with via IRC is an Israeli, you should feel free to maintain friendly contact, but you should not teach the Faith to him. If he has already developed a personal interest in the Faith and seeks more information, you should refer him to the Offices of the Bahá'í World Centre in Haifa. For your information, the people in Israel have access to factual information about the Faith, its history and general principles. Books concerning the Faith are available in libraries throughout Israel, and Israelis are welcome to visit the Shrines and the surrounding gardens. However, in keeping with a policy that has been strictly followed since the days of Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'ís do not teach the Faith in Israel. Likewise, the Faith is not taught to Israelis abroad if they intend to return to Israel. When Israelis ask about the Faith, their questions are answered, but this is done in a manner which provides factual information without stimulating further interest.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Note that two things are missing from this statement: There is no direct quote from Baha'u'llah specifying that we should not teach the Faith in Israel, and there is no direct reference to any Israeli law forbidding the teaching of the Faith either. Indeed, in all the years I was a Baha'i, I never saw any such thing myself, even when I asked about the matter. It seems to be all a myth made up to hide something!

The fact that blood descendants of Baha'u'llah still live in Israel, despite their ancestors having been expelled from the Faith, may be the key to this mystery. What if the Universal House of Justice simply does not want Baha'i teachers from other parts of the world to actually meet these people and thus risk having their assumptions about the history and nature of the Baha'i Faith shattered by these "Covenant-breakers" telling their side of the story?

The Unitarian Baha'is understand this. Their policy regarding Isrealis (and descendants of Baha'u'llah) is just the opposite of the Haifan Baha'i Faith.

http://www.unitarianbahai.org/differences.html

Israelis: Residents of Israel are allowed to become members of the Unitarian Bahai Association.

Descendants of Bahaullah: All of the blood descendants of Bahaullah – including those descended from people who are considered "Covenant-breakers" in the Haifan tradition and who do not wish to renounce and condemn their ancestors – are welcome in the Unitarian Bahai Association as fully equal members.

If there is one place where Baha'i ideals could bring people together in peace and mutual understanding, it would be in Israel and its relations with the Palestinians. Certainly in other parts of the world, people of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic background would be joined together in harmony by the fact that Baha'u'llah affirmed the works of Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. The simple fact that the Universal House of Justice has never even offered publicly to mediate disputes between the Isreali government and the Palestinian Authority is proof enough to me of how useless that body is.

It is time to end the double talk once and for all and get to the TRUTH!

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A PODCAST/INTERVIEW FEATURING MYSELF AND WAHID AZAL

☐ Video:



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Note: After Wahid Azal and I became enemies, he was so desperate to eliminate this podcast from YouTube that in November of 2021 he filed a false copyright claim against it and I had to file a counter notification to get it back. He must know that I can use this video against him, as a warning to others to never trust him enough to collaborate with him on future podcasts! And now that I know he considered this a threat, that's exactly what it will be used for!

The blog entries giving details of my recent battles with Azal are :

Wahid Azal is trying to get me banned from YouTube

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/18/wahid-azal-is-trying-to-get-me-banned-from-youtube/embed/#?secret=YnYzfYWwxb#?secret=CsxYHN29K1]

Update on my Current Battle on YouTube

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/21/update-on-my-current-battle-on-youtube/embed/#?secret=NMEJKdeBwk#?secret=GUicOeIooD]

Defeating Wahid Azal again!

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/08/defeating-wahid-azal-again/embed/#?secret=v1cWNurunH#?secret=oSNoUSmhXz]

Battling with Wahid Azal on Vimeo too

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/10/battling-with-wahid-azal-on-vimeo-too/embed/#?secret=jOnVMV48iG#?secret=zKpehc8ott]

MORE evidence of Wahid Azal's blatant hypocrisy!

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/11/more-evidence-of-wahid-azals-blatant-hypocrisy/embed/#?secret=q5rYWaHTo5#?secret=5pWVUdohCH]

And now here are all the hateful and blatantly dishonest comments he threw at me after he got my YouTube channel shut down:

https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/21/update-on-my-current-battle-on-youtube/#comment-20964
NW Azal says:
November 21, 2021 at 5:21 PM

I am coming for this blog now, Gomer. You have one choice: take down all of the postings you have made about me here, one by one delete them, as well as elsewhere, and we will call it a day and I will leave you alone from there on out. Don't do it, and I will send lawyers after you to force you to take them down and I will collect damages from you personally in the process, esp. since we now have your home address. Don't believe me, go talk to an attorney and ask them what I can and cannot do to you. Your choice.

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https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/21/update-on-my-current-battle-on-youtube/#comment-20997
November 25, 2021 at 9:14 PM
You don't have a leg to stand on, Gomer. If you ever entered a courtroom with me, I would bury you. This is why you put on the hissy-fit hysterics because you know this too, fucking degenerate! This is also why you tried to kill yourself.

These next two comments were automatically thrown in my blog's trash bin:

Dumbass, you tripped over yourself. I still hold copyright over that video. Even you have asserted it for the record. Not only have you not defeated anything, long-term I have everything you own. Good luck in court https://www.reddit.com/r/realexbahais/comments/rc1hsu/gomer_forgot_when_he_himself_asserted_the/

That's not how copyright works, idiot. The content was made from my computer by me. I never granted you any right to the content. Therefore the copyright remains mine. You have asserted it for the record yourself. Any court and/or lawyer worth their salt will tell you the same. I have you by the balls, and I will collect all kinds of damages from your sorry redneck paedo BIA a$$. Watch me!

Here's more bullshit:

https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/08/defeating-wahid-azal-again/#comment-21119
December 8, 2021 at 5:06 PM
We want you in court, moron, because there you are going to have to explain how you yourself asserted for the record that the original video belongs to Wahid Azal
https://www.reddit.com/r/realexbahais/comments/rc1hsu/gomer_forgot_when_he_himself_asserted_the/
He has more than a copyright claim now on your insane redneck dumbass!

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https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/08/defeating-wahid-azal-again/#comment-21124
December 8, 2021 at 6:36 PM
Not how copyright works, dickhead. You were never given any rights by Wahid Azal to the content. The content

was made by Wahid Azal from his computer. You have asserted for the record yourself that the “original version” is his. You are toast, and no lawyer or court worth their salt will tell you differently. Kill yourself now, and this time succeed where you failed last time. It is the easier option for you because if Wahid Azal takes you to court, you are dead.

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https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/08/defeating-wahid-azal-again/#comment-21136
December 9, 2021 at 3:04 AM
Yes, you do need permission. No legal transfer of copyright was ever made over to you. You have violated intellectual property and you have committed fraud. None of the screenshots you have posted remotely demonstrate any transfer of rights of intellectual property. Go talk to a lawyer.

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https://dalehusband.com/2021/12/08/defeating-wahid-azal-again/#comment-21138
December 9, 2021 at 3:11 AM
Because, dumbass, your logo is not the content. The content is the podcast which was made on Wahid Azal’s device. He has sole propriety and copyright over it. Not you. You can keep your stupid logo. But the content belongs to Azal – and the content is independent of any logo by you – and this is EXACTLY what any court will tell you. You aren’t a lawyer. Don’t know the first thing about the subject. But you are going to be taught a lesson now you will not soon forget.

I could assert repeatedly that one should ask a scientist to confirm that the earth is flat and that wouldn’t make it so, of course.

So for several weeks, I kept waiting and wishing and hoping I would have my day in court with him…….and it NEVER happened! Instead, I finally got these emails:

YouTube

Dear Dale Husband,

In accordance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, we’ve completed processing your counter notification.

The following videos have been restored unless you have deleted them:

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gyshd-aa_lY

Dear Dale Husband

We are writing in response to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”) counter-notification that you provided to us relating to material located on Vimeo at https://vimeo.com/654107711 (the “Material”), which was previously removed as a result of a DMCA notice.

Please note that, as of the date hereof, in accordance with DMCA provision 17 U.S.C. § 512(g)(2)(C), Vimeo has restored the Material. Vimeo has also notified the person that filed the DMCA notice that Vimeo did not receive notice, within the prescribed statutory period, that a court action was filed seeking to restrain you from

engaging in alleged infringing activity relating to the Material.

We trust that this concludes this matter.

Sincerely,
Vimeo Inc.

SO WAHID AZAL CHICKENED OUT IN THE END! ROTFLMAO!!!!

[Video: https://player.vimeo.com/video/654107711?dnt=1&app_id=122963]

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A QUESTION ABOUT TRANSLATING THE BAHA'I WRITINGS

Check this out:

> Why do Baha'is not translate the writings of Baha'u'llah and the Bab?
>
> byu/SuccessfulCorner2512 inexbahai

And other members of r/exbahai, including me, gave replies.

Seeker_Alpha1701

exBaha'i atheist

Same reason the Catholic Church kept the Bible locked up in Latin long after that language died out.....they didn't want the common people to know they were being scammed. The Protestant Reformation led to the Bible finally being translated into the common languages. The Catholic Church was then forced to change.

TrwyAdenauer3rd

Because by modern standards Bahaullah and the Bab were extremely conservative, whereas the Baha'i Faith in the West markets itself as a religion for progressives.

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trevor-mack

Never-Baha'i Christian

My take is that they know it says embarrassing material in it and if they were to translate it; members would leave in droves. It is quite revealing that William Miller who was a critic translated the Aqdas before the Baha'i Faith did. If Shoghi Effendi was such a great translator;why was he translating hundreds of pages before even attempting to translate Bahá'u'lláh's most important work?

Also, if the Persian Bayan is the most important work of the Bab; why not translate it?

Is the Baha'i faith wants to spread their message because it changes lives for the better; why suppress it then?

Seeker_Alpha1701

exBaha'i atheist

It should be noted that even the Baha'i writings that have been translated into English are incredibly damning. In 2017, I subjected the Kitab-i-Aqdas to a critical analysis from start to finish, working over the course of a week and a half.

https://dalehusband.com/bahai-writings-criticism/

https://bahai-writings-criticism.blogspot.com/2017/09/a-critical-analysis-of-kitab-i-aqdas.html

The following year, I did the same to Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament:

https://bahai-writings-criticism.blogspot.com/2018/04/a-critical-analysis-of-will-and.html

And two years ago I went after one of the most prominent Baha'i "history" writers who got elected to the Universal House of Justice and completely discredited him too!

https://dalehusband.com/2020/08/10/adib-taherzadeh-con-artist/

It seems that FRAUD is a crime in every other human activity except religion. I don't think Baha'is should be persecuted, but someone like Adib Taherzadeh really should have been exposed as a pathological liar long before he could get as powerful as he became. But he got away with his crap because of the corrupt leadership of the Faith before him. He was serving their interests, so they eventually made him one of them.

If you start with corruption, it tends to perpetuate itself. The Universal House of Justice is a completely illegitimate body that, along with the rest of the Baha'i Administrative Order, should be dismantled. But I am confident it will eventually fall apart on its own.

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womtib

This is where I get confused. Because I've asked people before what motivates the UHJ, and the response is usually that they are true believers. Yet I can't understand how someone can be a true believer and lie about the faith that they supposedly believe in. Are they actually fraudsters trying to make money or have power? Or is it a version of cognitive dissonance, where they believe in a particular idea of the faith and then in their heads rationalise anything else that doesn't fit with it, as either irrelevant or blocked out from their memory?

Seeker_Alpha1701

exBaha'i atheist

Adib Taherzadeh wrote a book, The Covenant of Baha'u'llah, which is one looooooong collection of acts of "mental gymnastics". This is when you start with the ASSUMPTION that something must be true, no matter what, and construct arguments to support the claim. That's the exact opposite of how an honest investigation should be run. ("Here are the facts……what conclusions can we draw from them?")

That book eventually made me realize after I got it that Christian fundamentalists and Baha'is argue the SAME WAY! And since I had already rejected Christianity…..

Most Baha'is (and Christians, really) are simply members of a loving community and may not give much thought to why they believe certain things. But in order to DEFEND dogmatic, extremist religion, you have to lie about it! You can either choose to believe the lies and thus be corrupted, or reject them after using consistent logic to cut through the double standards of mental gymnastics.

To understand how corrupt the whole process is, imagine if the police, the lawyers, and the courts all ASSUMED you were guilty of a crime and simply rejected an alibi you put forth ("I wasn't even there, so I couldn't have done it!") and insisted you be punished because the facts didn't matter, only the DOGMA that you are a criminal. THAT'S HOW MENTAL GYMNASTICS WORK!

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womtib

I remember somewhere reading that the Bab's followers later followed a practice of dissimulation, lying about their own religion in order to work around persecution, or to gain influence and force regime change. I don't know how accurate that might be, but it does make me wonder sometimes if the same thing is going on – we believe the faith, but we know it won't be palatable for others, so we lie about what it really is, while retaining our belief in the hidden doctrine.

I guess this is what it might be, rather than deception for profit, or self-deception pure and simple. Mental gymnastics to me is slightly ambiguous, since it might imply that they are lying to themselves to deny a dogma they know to be true. Whereas it seems like maybe these people believe the ends justify the means – that they know and believe in the writings that they don't share with others, but believe that it's OK to lie about them, because the end result, of creating a new world system, justifies any measures.

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A STATEMENT ABOUT MENTAL DISORDERS AND DOMESTIC ABUSE.

A friend of mine posted this the other day on Facebook:

> Johnny Depp/Amber Heard
>
> I was married to someone diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder, although that diagnosis wasn't given until after we separated. I had no idea the nightmare I was living through, all I knew was I wasn't being treated fairly and I was miserable. One moment he would be sweet and loving, the next he was unimaginably cruel and telling me I was a horrible person. If I tried to confront him about anything ever he would tell me it was my fault, or lie and say it didn't happen, or he would turn and walk out the door, get in his car and drive away without saying a word. If for some reason he couldn't get away or couldn't lie his way out of it he would flip out, which included suddenly screaming at the top of his lungs, throwing things, breaking things, wild accusations, getting in my face, towering over me and intimidating me with his size, just terrifying out of control behavior. Whenever he acted this way he would say I made him do it. It was my fault, for example: I tried to talk to him in the car and I should know to NEVER confront him in a car so it was my fault he freaked out. Or he had to lie because the truth would upset me. The lies were constant. He would lie about anything like a knee jerk reaction, things that didn't even make sense to lie about. He would "future fake" which is when they promise to do better in the future but really are just stringing you along. He would say whatever I wanted to hear then turn around and do whatever he wanted without any regard to the promises he made. The splitting was the worst. It's when they view you as all good or all bad, you can't just be a good person who makes mistakes or made an offhanded comment that hurt their feelings. If you upset them, you are pure evil and doing everything to sabotage their life. Or you are their best friend and greatest most wonderful love. He would swing back and forth between greatest love and worst enemy, sometimes within minutes.
>
> I learned that my mother has BPD (undiagnosed, untreated). It's why I was willing to marry someone with it. He treated me the same way my mother did/does. Even as an adult, when I did something my mother didn't like, she would go as far as to call my boss on her private cell phone and try to get me fired (this happened 6 months ago – I'm 39 years old and a single mother). She threatened to call my college and get me kicked out when I was 30 years old and paying for my own school because I disproved a point she was trying to make about evolution. Now that they are both out of my life I have learned how amazing life can be. People with BPD drain your soul and your energy. They don't give AF about how they make others feel, all they care about is their own emotions, like a toddler who can't comprehend the feelings of others and throws a fit when someone sets boundaries. They tell outrageous lies about the people they're mad at as a way to justify treating them so badly. I don't know if they believe the lies. But if they FEEL like you did something they accept it as a fact, whether or not you actually did that thing. I've had my mother and my ex acknowledge I didn't do a thing and say, "But I FEEL like you did." They will conjure something about you up in their own mind and treat you as if you did this thing that never happened, they will tell people you did something that never happened and even try to get others to treat you like shit for something that you didn't do. It's insane to witness. They keep you so energy drained and beaten down that you don't know how to get back up, and you start to believe you are the terrible person they accuse you of being, and that no one else could possibly love such a person.
>
> I'm team Johnny all the way. I know something of what he's been through and I admire him for his bravery in telling his story to the world. I had no idea what BPD was until a therapist suggested my mother had it and I

bought a book about it. It was like someone watched my childhood through a window and wrote it down in this book. My life would have been so much better if someone had shown me sooner.

ETA an example of blame shifting and justification for abhorrent behavior. A photo of messages between my mother and I. Read from the bottom up because when you download Facebook messages it puts them newest on top to oldest on the bottom.


that's cause you PUSH me to a point where I EXPLODE and then I end up saying something in anger. You need to learn when enough is enough
Feb 5, 2018, 11:20 AM
*positivity
Feb 5, 2018, 11:19 AM
Mom, you don't always build me up. You call me names whenever you're mad at me. Even going so far as to throw my husband leaving me in my face in front of my kids. We could definitely use some more positivist in our worlds.
Feb 5, 2018, 11:19 AM

This reminds me of a statement that was sent to me about 2 1/2 years ago by a former friend of mine who turned out to be my **WORST ENEMY!**

WAHID AZAL ADDRESSES HIS CRITICS, TAKE 2

Neither you, nor Christian ex-Bahai, let alone the dodgy moderators of that place, have correctly addressed a single indictment of your duplicitous behavior. I stand by what I said, and others seem to agree about your lot over there as well https://www.reddit.com/r/BAYAN/comments/cycea7/lets_talk_about_exbahai/ (not that consensus changes anything since facts stand on their own regardless who disagrees or agrees with them). You and Christian ex-Bahai are especially blind to what you say and do. But that goes with the territory of being self-righteous WASPs, so kindly stop playing the violin. Then again, white victim-playing when called out on white duplicitly always plays by the same playbook: reverse narrativization, victim blaming and gaslighting. Also, Christian Ex-Bahai still doesn't understand what gaslighting means. Now, let's look at your particular kind of white duplicity and dishonesty, one that people of color deal with 24/7 in a multitude of contexts with always the same reactions from you people: DENIAL and gaslighting.

1. *You brown-nosed on the very first comment of this post https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cxhzog/measures_to_restore_civility/ . It was after your stupid comment which I got rid of you from the moderation of realexbahais because at this point you have demonstrated that you are an asshole not to be trusted. So you have yourself to blame, and the facts demonstrate that the betraying was all your own — not mine. I cut weak links and don't keep them.*

2. *As I have maintained for years, the superstructure and bases of Bahaism is rooted in the white Anglo-Saxon global imperial project with its capitalism. I began the podcast by offering the quote from De Tocqueville that speaks to precisely what is driving people like you, Christian Ex-Bahai as well as Scott Hakala. Then I offered social psychological analyses showing that people like you and Christian Ex-Bahai are really spiritual tourists and how what you people understand by "pluralism" is merely free market ideology masquerading as something else. I offered the link to Joseph Massad's latest book that addresses these very same issues. All of these points you and your Evangelical Christian friend have ignored in almost exactly the same kind of terms that Baha'i cultists ignore*

points.

3. *Which leads me to this point: indeed, while it is not enough to merely "bash Baha'ism", without addressing the base and superstructure from which Bahaism subsists, this "bashing" is only telling a part of the story. I agree. But you are not interested in the other side of the story because it indicts your entire society and way of life as being what fuels the Haifan Baha'i cult because your interests (per your UU adherence) lies with perpetuating the white middle-class Anglo-Saxon imperial fallacy in its "liberal" form via the UU packaging. In other words, you are peddling Americanism, which is the real enemy here with Bahaism merely being one of its many colonial franchises, hence why my approach to these questions makes people like yourself unconformable and thus makes your own approach to "bashing Bahaism" ultimately irrelevant, only playing into the system's hands, and more of the same.*

4. *Repeatedly you have made Islamophobic statements and asides. The fact that you now call me an "extremist" also now reinforces the fact and goes to the very heart of the white racism that animates your thinking about literally all of these issues and why you cannot be an ally to what I am about. Be that as it may, there is no such thing as reverse bigotry or reverse racism. Here is why. Learn something https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw_mRaIHb-M .*

It is clear that EVERYTHING in that statement in *red* above is a case of victim blaming, much like what was done to my friend by her ex-husband and her mother! I also think, BTW, that my **ex-wife Cheri is a case of this messed up attitude.**

FUK ALL VICTIM BLAMERS!

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A MASSIVE FIGHT WITH “DAVIDBINOWEN” IN REDDIT

Some people just can’t take a hint, can they? This happened in reddit recently:

> Anyone else get insulting messages from DavidbinOwen?
>
> byu/Fresh-Rouge1855 inexbahai

There are a TON of comments that came after that post, so I will just provide the highlights.

> Fresh-Rouge1855
>
> I thought it was a bit creepy but I’m assuming there’s a reason this person is banned. My concern is that even if you block them they can still read the forum content and PM harassing messages to new members.
>
> Also I think most people realize it’s just their desperate attempt to explain away the flaws and toxicities of Baha’i communities.

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> He used to invade and harass people in this subreddit for many months, but little was done about it because back then this place had only ONE moderator (samanwilson) and he wasn’t around very often.
>
> Things changed when samanwilson appointed the two other mods in response to a ton of complaints about the disruptions, and then imposed new rules. Then DavidBinOwen was finally banned because this place could be watched more often. It’s a lot safer for discussions than it was a couple of years ago.
>
> I blocked DavidBinOwen long ago. He claimed to have known me when I was a Baha’i. but I don’t really remember him. If you want more details about him, contact me later.

> Fresh-Rouge1855
>
> I went ahead and blocked him as well as he doesn’t seem worth the time and very toxic. He went on to clarify the ‘true text of huq’ and that he has PhD and he’s serves on the treasury, etc. I have a PhD myself from an Ivy League university and know those who manage huq, but I don’t think that makes me special… his hostile and condescending attitude/superiority complex is really off-putting yet common among many people at administrative levels of the faith. I don’t even see how the exact law of huq/ technicalities are relevant since we were discussing our real life experiences in Baha’i communities.
>
> And if he feels ‘so sorry for us’ as he indicated I wonder why he feels so compelled to constantly monitor this

board? Seems like people who send many people harassing messages out of the blue should eventually be banned from Reddit?

UltimateDankMemeLord

I haven't received any messages from him. But I found it strange he only pointed out 2 problems in your post and not anything about the spying from the community, the Baha'i ruling class etc. I personally don't know which is true for the huquq, as I left before I have to do any of that, and secondly, those born Baha'i are definetely forced to remain a Baha'i by their parents. When I turned 15 I wasn't given a choice. My family don't let me be anything else than a Baha'i!

Fresh-Rouge1855

It makes me sad because I know those who manage huq' and they're wonderful people. Not all Baha'is are like this DavidbinOwen person but there are enough Baha'is with hostile behaviors, condescending attitudes and hypocrisy that's it's repelled me from the faith entirely and it makes the community very toxic.

Further, you are indeed pressured constantly to give to huq—there are many lectures about it at adult Baha'i activities, fundraising events, and pressure from ABMs to disclose income and wealth information, and they advise you how much you should be giving to the fund.

Baha'is who marry non-Baha'is are under enormous pressure for their new spouses to convert. Everyone just keeps hoping they will eventually 'see the light.' Even if they don't, the kids are expected to attend children's classes and the faith is instilled in them from a young age. If the marriage doesn't work out or there's problems, the fact that 'they're not Baha'i' will be blamed.

I've seen it among most of the youth—those born into Baha'i families really don't have much choice about becoming Baha'i at 15. They are basically groomed for it from birth and the declaration card is really just a formality. If you leave the faith, you're basically shunned/disowned from your family. There are some exceptions that I've seen but they are rare.

Seeker_Alpha1701

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If a couple have different "spiritual orientations", insisting they both belong to the same faith is a type of abuse. https://dalehusband.com/spiritual-orientation-series/

Seeker_Alpha1701

The thing to remember about DavidBinOwen is that he is telling you what the Baha'i Faith officially teaches. In PRACTICE, as you point out, it is vastly different. Words don't matter if actions contradict them later.

What the Faith taught before 1957:

> *Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Baha'u'llah would be mutilated and permanently deprived of that hereditary principle which, as Abdu'l-Baha has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God. ...Without such an institution the integrity of the Faith would be imperiled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. its prestige would suffer, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to define the sphere of the legislative action of its elected representatives would be totally withdrawn.*
>
> Shoghi Effendi

What the Faith DID after 1963:

> *"the Universal House of Justice finds that there is no way to appoint or to legislate to make it possible to appoint a second Guardian to succeed Shoghi Effendi."*

And yet they continue down to this day as if what Shoghi Effendi wrote decades earlier didn't matter.

Then another user named John-7 barged in to pick a fight with us. His trolling did not last long. The quoted comments in *lime italics* are his.

MirzaJan

> *If you mean the Auxiliary Board, they have nothing to do with the Huququllah.*

They have the role in logistical arrangements. They and their assistants take part in conferences and Huquq drives. They do transmit Huquq guidelines at the grassroots level.

> In Antananarivo, Madagascar, the delegates as well as the Counsellor, members of the Auxiliary Board, and some other believers were divided into three groups to study the document entitled "The Right of God and Its Relationship to the Current Plan". The study of the document was facilitated by the Auxiliary Board members present. They found that by splitting into small groups it was easier for the friends to contribute to the consultation. The friends were very excited and shared that their understanding of the law grows year by year.

(Huququllah Newsletter, July 2019)

Fresh-Rouge1855

Exactly. We had to study Huquq on many occasions in Baha'i adult study class and many of our ABMs were striving to be future members of BIC and UHJ.

MirzaJan

> *future members of BIC*

You mean ITC?

Those serving in the administrative positions are always ambitious. I know how Firaydoun Javaheri became a UHJ member from an ordinary ABM.

Fresh-Rouge1855

Yes I mean ITC, though for some reason many of those I know who serve on it or spouses serve on it refer to it as 'BIC'

It seems to becoming more common that UHJ members come from the ITC now.

Yes they use their time as ABMs etc as campaigning for their future bid at the UHJ (the men of course).

Seeker_Alpha1701

We actually figured out a couple of years ago that the election process of the UHJ was rigged to favor the male members of the ITC. One of us even predicted who the next UHJ member would be before the 2018 election.....and he was proven RIGHT! That was when we all realized the elections were a sham.

Seeker_Alpha1701

> *Go read the quotes and show me a single document that says people have to disclose their wealth and income and that says people are forced to pay 19% of their wealth or income for the Huq to anyone in the Baha'i Faith.*

News flash: It doesn't matter what the Baha'i Writings SAY. What really counts is what Baha'is in positions of authority DEMAND from the rank and file members. For the record, they do NOT believe in stated principles like "Independent investigation of truth". That's just a deceptive talking point. And if they are hypocrites about that...

> *And I am not a Baha'i but to and know a lot of Baha'is and investigated the Faith.*

In short, you say you believe what they tell you, not what is really going on. Your ignorance is obvious.

And the fact that you show up from out of nowhere to attack us and have done almost nothing else tells me your are a fake account.
And what the hell did you think you were trying to do by posting THIS:

https://www.reddit.com/r/bahai/comments/hnu2cu/cross_post_about_the_huququllah_being_mandatory/

DAVIDBINOWEN, GET OUT!!!!

Seeker_Alpha1701

LOL! I know this tolk guy from many years ago. He's a lying, backstabbing asshole and I believe NOTHING he says.

https://dalehusband.com/2018/04/08/treachery-of-bahais-reddit/

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/8at63r/new_bahai_history_blog_for_critics_of_the_faith

tolk attacked us there when the reddit Baha'is attempted to steal our Baha'i history subreddit. This is how I

dealt with him

> *tolk said:* [[[Would you be okay if Baha'is sent unsolicited private messages to anyone who posted in r/exbahai to tell them how wrong they were? Surely you can see that this isn't appropriate behavior even if you feel very strongly about the subject.]]]

> *I replied:* {{{That does not contradict what I said at all. Here, let me repeat my point: "[Spam is] not merely attempting to share NEWS about a relevant topic that someone is clearly interested in." By definition, criticism of the Baha'i Faith would be relevant to anyone investigating the Faith. So you LIED here!
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> You really think the stunt you pulled against us will help promote your Faith? The story of what you did is already OUT, tolk! It's out not only on WordPress where my original blog entry was posted, but also on Blogspot where it was copied and on Facebook where links to my blog entry were made.
>
> Your arrogance and dishonesty are infuriating. Someone who gets unwanted messages once or twice can simply delete them. Are you seriously claiming that /u/A35821361 sent the same message DOZENS OF TIMES TO THE SAME RECIPIENT? That might indeed be spamming, if you could prove it was done that way.
>
> This clearly shows how desperate you Baha'is have become. The internet will eventually discredit and DESTROY the Baha'i Faith and every other authoritarian cult that exists in the world. It may take another 30 or 40 years, but I have no doubt that a century from now the Baha'i community will exist only as a broken remnant in a few poor parts of the world, much like Zoroastrianism does in Iran and India now. You are only delaying the inevitable.}}}

The coward later deleted all the comments he made there.....and NOW the post YOU made there was deleted from the Baha'i subreddit. Seems they are afraid to deal with us!

Seeker_Alpha1701

People who come here and try to misrepresent themselves on reddit (you certainly ARE a Baha'i because you act like one, so stop lying about your supposed impartiality), get what they deserve from me.

Demanding "evidence" of how Baha'i authorities conduct themselves behind closed doors is pointless. You don't have to believe what Fresh-Rouge1855 said, but even you should know better than to ask for what you know is impossible.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moving_the_goalposts

Even if a recording of a Baha'i ABM doing what Fresh-Rouge1855 claimed was provided, you would most likely deny it as a desperate form of damage control. So why bother?

I wonder if you are fond of sea lions.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sealioning

MirzaJan

He is a nut, better ignore him

https://www.reddit.com/r/FreeSpeechBahai/comments/hnbgz2/examples_of_the_rage_and_irrationality_on_the_ex/

Fresh-Rouge1855

Not only that but he does the exact same thing as he accuses us all doing—I didn't find anything respectful at all from his harassing, insulting messages.

I agree, best way forward to deal with a character to like this is to ignore—it's not worth the time. Eventually people will see truth and see though it all to make their own decisions after their experiences within the Baha'i communities. He can go on cherry picking references from the writings all he wants, at the end of the day we know the way the faith is really practiced and what it's truly all about.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Oh.....my.....God, that man is OBSESSED! Plus his writing style seems worse than ever, to the point I can hardly stand to read such looooooooong run on sentences. And that last potshot at me.....I have never said that persecution of people in Iran just for being Baha'i is acceptable, so that is clearly a smear tactic on his part.

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investigator919

Unlike the Baha'is that swiftly ban without warning anyone that disagrees with them from their sub, we allow Baha'is to come here and express their opinions and defend their beliefs. DavidbinOwen crossed many lines and after multiple warnings was permanently banned.

Artmaker52

AS ex Bahais we are all aware of the rules/laws of the faith and how it is supposed to operate. But, the whole point is that this is not what we all experience. The faith is made up of human beings who chose to act In ways contrary to the laws and guidance. So don't belittle another persons Actual experience, because it's not inline with the laws of the faith.

DavidBinOwen was not the only person that annoyed me there. This next person came in with his own agenda, also harmful to the subreddit's mission.

Sicypher

Ever since I left the Baha'i faith, Baha'is have tried to get me to "study more" or "speak to their scholars." But the more I do, the more I hate the ideology. You can't get away from the fact that it was built on Islam (if you read the Quran, you'd know what a disgusting person Mohammad was).

But at least Mohammad was upfront about his intentions. Bahaullah created this facade to gain followers. Countless Baha'is have died and live a lie because of that charlatan.

I wasn't about to let this going off-topic remain unchallenged.

Seeker_Alpha1701

> You can't get away from the fact that [the Baha'i Faith] was built on Islam

You know how a chain is useless the moment it breaks at its weakest link?

If you can't believe in Islam because you have a problem with the Prophet Muhammad, then how can you believe in the Baha'i Faith, because Baha'u'llah declared that Muhammad was a Manifestation of God, along with Jesus, and Moses.

> (if you read the Quran, you'd know what a disgusting person Mohammad was).

Why single out Muhammad and the Quran? Read THIS!

https://dalehusband.com/2019/05/12/biblical-genocide-and-pedophilia/

Just reading that should blow your mind about ANY religion descended from ancient Judaism!

Sicypher

I just read more of this Dale Husband guy's stuff and he seems like kind of an asshat. While lots of the points he's trying to get across are true, he doesn't provide solid evidence. He seems to be driven by emotion and posts the first terrible thing he sees.

The Midianites in this passage were conspiring with other tribes to kill the Israelites. Lol, I sure as hell wouldn't stand by and let my family get slaughtered! Also, there's no evidence that the "young girls" or "virgins" were underage. The Israelites did it in self-defence; Mohammad committed atrocities because of the sick person he was.

Like I said in my previous comment, stick to the source, bro. Don't escape one false teacher (in this case, Baha'u'llah) and fall into the claws of another. ☐ It's tough out there. Lots of people want to take advantage of you. Be careful.

Seeker_Alpha1701

> I just read more of this Dale Husband guy's stuff and he seems like kind of an asshat.

Gee, thanks. Can you be more insulting to my intelligence?

> While lots of the points he's trying to get across are true, he doesn't provide solid evidence.

It was a condemnation of a STORY in the Bible depicting what would be considered today a WAR CRIME! It wasn't about providing evidence for actual recent history.

> The Midianites in this passage were conspiring with other tribes to kill the Israelites.

Really? Or were they just defending their own territory against these fanatical invaders who barged into the area from Egypt?

> Also, there's no evidence that the "young girls" or "virgins" were underage.

So the actual text of the scriptures doesn't matter?

> Moses said: *But all the young girls who have not known man by lying with him keep alive for yourselves.*

ALL the young girls, not just some of the older ones that may or may not have looked mature! Later in the story, it was said these girls numbered about 32,000, If even ONE of them was a CHILD, it was one too many!

> Like I said in my previous comment, stick to the source, bro.

The source of that blog entry was the Bible itself!

> Don't escape one false teacher (in this case, Baha'u'llah) and fall into the claws of another. ☐ It's tough out there. Lots of people want to take advantage of you. Be careful.

Hypocrite! You would make a great Christian apologist. But not an honest human being.

> Mohammad committed atrocities because of the sick person he was.

Double standards are NEVER acceptable to me, no matter who tries to justify them. Atrocities are atrocities, period. Plus, Moses broke one of his own laws when he ordered the mass extermination of all the boys among the Midianites.

> The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. – **Deuteronomy 24:16**

So who is the asshat? It's YOU, Sicypher. You appear to be an Islamophobe as much as an anti-Baha'i…..and I'm not having that crap of yours here. That's why I brought up the issue of what Moses did…..to expose you for your improper agenda in bashing the Prophet Muhammad here. If you want to do THAT, go here instead:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exmuslim/

We went back and forth until I finally forced him to back down.

> Sicypher
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> Anyway, I didn't come here to debate. Sorry for calling you an asshat. I wish you all the best and that you see things for they truly are and not based on emotion.
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> Just because you make a few mistakes, are you not to be trusted at all? I like to look at a person's character and intentions rather than judging them by a couple mistakes. The prophets lead people with truth and honour. I don't know you, but even though you insulted me in your last comment, are just trying to help people realize what you believe to be true. That is one good thing I realized about you.

Like far too many people with strong opinions, he cannot publicly admit to be wrong……making him as problematic as DavidBinOwen.

Finally:

> MirzaJan
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> There are Huququ'llah drives. People are motivated through stories and incidents. Baha'is take full advantage

of pilgrims notes, memoirs, stories and Kitab-i-Hearsay to extract emotionally whatever they can.

People are NOT supposed to disclose their wealth but they CAN if they are serious about Huquq and they don't know how to calculate!

> *And I am not a Baha'i but to and know a lot of Baha'is and investigated the Faith.*

You are a liar, you are DavidbinOwen, that's why I have banned you again.

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samanwilson

John-7 has been banned for being an obvious alternate account for DavidbinOwen

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THE END!

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A SERIES OF LUDICROUS COMMENTS ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

I may write a lot, but one thing I definitely believe is that it is better to write 100 words of logical truth than to write 100,000 words of nonsense and lies. Case in point, some comments I got from a Baha'i on YouTube and Facebook regarding **one of my videos**:

> Michael Carrano
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> The reason why women are not allowed to be members of the Universal House of Justice is because women have been spared from suffering the burden of determining the future of the faithj [sic] for precisely the same reason we would insist that no comparable burden should ever be laid on the shoulders of our spouses and wives, or even our children. God has forever put the burden of stewardship and ultimate slavery to the cause on mankind. He has eternally spared women from this most serious burden. Judaism has a similar view of itself. Jews, as the chosen people, are those pre-ordained by blood to be the Slaves of the Most High. The question of why anyone whom God is content to receive them as mere servants would want to convert to Judaism to become Slaves of the Most High when they have been spared the burden of being a Jew and having to observe a host of ungainly, strict and trying laws is beyond them. For Jews, wanting to become a Jew is like claiming, "I want to carry a 30lb boulder which God, as a mercy, insisted I not, for the rest of my life." The Jewish answer is, "That's weird. Why? You don't get extra points from God for wanting to do so. In fact, you're just insisting on working harder to warrant the salvation that is yours if you merely suffice with the Noahide laws." SImilarly, the same applies to the Universal House of Justice. Why in God's name WOULD a woman want such a burden?

I replied:

> Gee, why would God curse women with the burdens of pregnancy, labor, and motherhood in general if they cannot also handle leadership? And many religions have strict rules on their followers, including the Baha'i Faith itself!

Then he sent me a message on Facebook:

> I'd like to dialogue with you about God and the Baha'i Faith. In many different instances, you misrepresent our beliefs – mine, especially. This to me seems well-meaning but unintentional. I'm sure you didn't mean to harm us or our movement based on a misunderstanding. For that reason I'd like to see if it's possible if we can work together to clear up our misconceptions about one another.

I looked at **his Facebook profile** and saw that he is a member of the Libertarian Party. Seriously?! I remembered what Baha'u'llah **wrote in the Kitab-i-Aqdas about liberty**:

> **Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray. We find some men desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein. Such men are in the depths of ignorance.**
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> **Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the animal. That which beseemeth man is submission unto such restraints as will protect him from his own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of the mischief maker. Liberty causeth man to overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the level of extreme depravity and wickedness.**

Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.

Say: True liberty consisteth in man's submission unto My commandments, little as ye know it. Were men to observe that which We have sent down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation, they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed from the Heaven of His Will that pervadeth all created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you is to be found nowhere except in complete servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.

And Corrano kept on going with more crap on Facebook:

> I have a story a psychologist once told me.
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> He told me that in his studies, he noticed that the more timid and fearful a man was of other men, and the more he struggled to achieve alpha status on the dominance hierarchy, the more inclined he was toward atheism.
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> He believed based on his research that atheism has roots in the psychological need to feel effective and powerful.
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> He said that by challenging God's existence, the most dominant force in human psychology, it gives the atheist an exhilerating sense of efficacy and empowerment that allows them to achieve the sense of superiority they could not achieve in open competition against other men in the struggle to climb the primate dominance hierarchy.
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> He noted that individuals who feel comfortable and empowered have no need to challenge such ideas as "God" because they themselves already feel positioned and solidified in the primate dominance hierarchy.
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> In other words, what he said was simple: in his studies found that for beta males who struggle to compete for love, money, success, fame, and social status against alpha males, they subconsciously compensate by becoming atheists, where they find themselves challenging the belief in God because, by symbolically destroying God, they can do so safely without suffering a real physical loss of facr as they would against stronger, more powerful male, and they also take a shortcut to experiencing the same exhilaration and rush as if they actually did destroy the most powerful being possible so as to reposition themselves at the Apex of the cosmic hierarchy as the ultimate alpha.
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> This is why most atheists can't be convinced of the evidence for God. By admitting God exists, it unconsciously moves them further down the cosmic dominance hierarchy, which leads to the experience of a depressive loss of social status and power. In other words, feeling powerful is psychologically more important to atheists than correcting a false belief.
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> So atheists in general would rather live with a comfortable delusion of their cosmic superiority as the member or the intellectual elite amongst all living things than to admit to the possibility that God might be real because to do so moves them further down the primate dominance hierarchy than they currently are.
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> If we can be honest about our motivations for why we believe in God, or sbelieve for the matter, we can be honest in our discussion.
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in our discussion.

I was motivated to seek out information about God because I thought the idea of a godless universe was depressing and meaningless. You sought out evidence against God because the existence of God makes you feel weak and powerless. You fight against because you want to feel supreme, dominant and powerful in a way life doesn't otherwise allow you. I strive to further the cause of God because it fills my life with value, meaning, and purpose that a secular worldview doesn't allow me to have.

Considering all the Popes and other religious and cult leaders throughout history that have been on some of the most terrible power trips ever, I find his arguments lacking in understanding about how atheists really think.

When I challenged him about his being Libertarian, he said on YouTube:

The Baha'i Faith permits party membership and political participation in activities such as voting only insofar as it doesn't degenerate into Partisan Politics -i.e., Republican contra Democrat, etc.

Third party participation is allowed so long as our activity is in keeping with Baha'i spiritual principles, such as obedience to government and answering the government's request for each of us to participate in the democratic process according to our convictions as both individuals and Baha'i.

Moreover, Baha'i are allowed to vote, and we are allowed to engage in civil service and social activism so long as we present ourselves in a way which conforms to Baha'i principles, which means: we conduct ourselves according to the community building principles of statesmanship rather than politics. There is a world of difference between politics and statesmanship/statecraft.

But your question about why I'm affiliated with the Libertarian Party, even though it is part of my profession and has been since before I came to the faith, is the logical fallacy of the red-herring.

You may not realize it, but you're evading my answer, which is: why women do not serve on the Universal House of Justice.

Service on the Universal House of Justice isn't a position of higher authority, prestige and power. It's a position of servanthood and utmost humility. It's a position of deep servitude and contentment in abasement, of deep and solemn responsibility, wherein the spiritual needs of all Baha'i, and ultimately all the world, are your kings, queens and rulers while you are to serve.

Leadership, in the Baha'i, is servitude to the needs of all you lead. It is loving your community more than yourself, and loving your nation more than your community, and loving the world more than your nation.

For this reason, in the Baha'i Faith, one cannot campaign for membership on the Universal House of Justice. One is called to duty similar to a democratic draft, except that one has the freedom to not accept the call to duty. However, to deny the call to duty is comparable to denying the cause – so no Baha'i, in good conscience, can deny the call to duty to serve on the Universe House of Justice in Haifa, Israel.

To serve on the Universal House of Justice, one most serve out of Haifa, Israel.

Women have been delivered the burden of having to uplift their lives and relocate to Haifa in order shoulder the responsibility of world spiritual government because women have other burdens laid upon them which men have no part of – foremost of which is, like you've said, the burden of pregnancy and motherhood.

Your solution appears to propose a contradiction which is unfair to women.

You state that because women have the burden of motherhood – that is, the burden of ensuring the future

survival of our species and the upliftment of mankind – that women must also shoulder the burden that has been laid upon men by being required to serve on the Universal House of Justice when they are called just as men.

How is increasing the burden of women without respect to the fact they already bear burdens which men do not, in all truth, fair?

Your position, it appears, is a contradiction.

Let us be fair: it appears as if your position contradicts itself, and true religion must be consistent not only with science, but also reason.

It's clear and evident that by adding to the list of women's already wearisome responsibilities another burden on top of all they have been comissioned with would, in fact, be manifest injustice.

The challenge here is simply this: you're seeing leadership in a problematic way that is part of the spiritual condition we're striving to change on this world. You see leadership as a career move similar to who we consider promotions at work – as if moving into a position of leadership and power over others is a good thing. There is no virtue or holiness in wanting to advance yourself before others, to exalt yourself above others, and to achieve power over others – and you thinking that there is? Well, this is part of the problem of spiritual corruption in the hearts of men which Baha'u'llah teaches that we have been called to fix.

Baha'u'llah says, "To prefer one in honor to another, to exalt certain ones above the rest, is in no wise to be permitted."

This is why there women are not allowed to seek to exalt themselves above others on the Universal House of Justice: because no one is allowed to pursue power or leadership at the Universal House of Justice.

In fact, campaigning for in this day and age for such a seat is a violation of Baha'u'llah's commandment that we are not to exalt ourselves above others, nor are we to exalt others above ourselves.

For this reason, anyone who believes the call to duty to act as a servant to this cause, and as a martyr if necessary, is a career move rather than a solemn responsibility has unfortunately misunderstood not only the role of the Universal House of Justice, but also God's teaching on leadership.

The desire to exalt Self above others is the Satanic Impulse of the Self seeking to aggrandize itself before all to become an object of public veneration and an idol, and this is not meritorious in the eyes of Baha'u'llah whatsoever, nor is striving to gain power in the Universal House of Justice.

For this reason, no one, neither man nor woman, is permitted in this day and age to seek power over their fellow man as a career move, to exalt themselves above others in order to achieve reverence and social prestine, or to bring glory upon their names and their houses. In fact, to actively do so is an egregious a sin in the sight of God.

This is why both men and women are prohibited from seeking leadership positions in the Universal House of Justice. The mere want of it is a temptation to sin. One must be called to duty. It is not acceptable that he run for the position.

That is why women have been oxonerated [sic] of the burden of having to enter into a position of servitude to the cause: they do not need any further burdens beyond the burden they're currently bearing.

Men do not have to give birth. Women alone are charged with that burden Men historically have not had to raise children. Of those fathers who do have to raise children, which is the exception to the rule, they will not be

called to uproot their families and serve on the Universal House of Justice for the same reason women are oxonerated of the same burden.

Only those men who have no additional conflicting duties to humanity and to the cause of God can be called to serve on the Universal House of Justice.

Women, as a mercy and a grace from God, have been exonerated of this burden – and this is manifest justice, if you only knew it.

Not only does this guy not let women speak for themselves, he engages in the kind of "doublespeak" I've been warning about for years. Disgusting!

Then he added one more looooooooong comment when I told him he was contradicting what I was taught as a Baha'i about political partisanship:

It's the truth. I spoke with the National Spiritual Assembly and got the go-ahead from the National Spiritual Assembly. It's permissible so long as one doesn't

1) associate one's activities to the cause,

2) associate the cause to one's activities,

3) campaign for a candidate,

4) against a candidate,

5) conduct oneself contrary to Baha'i principles,

6) or publicly identify oneself as a Baha'i.

The Universal House of Justice is nothing except realistic about matters of social policy; the National Spiritual Assembly understands how and why participation in government processes very often cannot be avoided given the climate of a society, and that government itself very often calls Baha'i to duty to participate in its processes. For that reason, the Universal House of Justice has allowed Baha'i to participate in

1) civics (defined as: the science of the rights, privileges and responsibility of citizen) ...and in...

2) statecraft (defined as: the art of government and diplomacy) ...so long as one's solutions aren't...

3) political (defined as: exercising or seeking power in the governmental or public affairs of a state, municipality, etc.)

So remember: while politics (the practice/profession of conducting political affairs) is avoided by the Baha'i...

...participation in civics (the science of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizens)...

...and statecraft (the art of government and diplomacy)...

...are permissable as are Baha'i statesmen (defined as: a person who exhibits great wisdom and ability in directing the affairs of a government or in dealing with important public issues.) In fact, the primary goal of Baha'i is to promote a world where we can escape the deadly cycle of politics and political rhetoric by promoting the science of civics, the art of statecraft and the education of non-partisan, non-partisan statesmen and women who can direct the affairs of government in ways consistent with the science of civics through the art of statecraft rather than through the conventional partisan machinations which typify political discussion in this day and age. To do this the Universal House of Justice has made it perfectly clear. The proper way to conduct

ourselves as statesmen and stateswomen in our participation in the democratic processes of our society starts begin by vowing to never criticize persons in office or by supporting persons – which is the hallmark of politics.

Abdul Baha himself said, “Speak thou no word of politics; thy task concerneth the life of the soul, for this verily leadeth to man’s joy in the world of God. Except to speak well of them, make thou no mention of the earth’s kings, and the worldly governments thereof.” In other words, if we cannot speak well of a politician or a government, we must not speak of that person.

However, according to the Baha’i World Center “There is, however, one case in which one can criticize the present social and political order without being necessarily forced to side with or oppose any existing regime. And this is the method adopted by the Guardian in his ‘Goal of a New World Order’. His criticisms of the world conditions beside being very general in character are abstract; that is, instead of condemning existing institutional organizations it goes deeper and analyzes the basic ideas and conceptions which have been responsible for their establishment.” -From a Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, Lights of Guidance #1469

In other words, if we are to properly engage in Civics and Statecraft as Statesmen, then we must analyze, discuss and critique the underlying abstract principles, concepts and mechanics of the social theories themselves -i.e., capitalism, communism, fascism, socialism, etc. Moreover, when we do so, we should only mention existing politicians and specific instances of the systems we’re discussing only to speak well of them.

Beyond this, the Universal House of Justice has informed us: “We should not only take sides with no political party, group or system actually in use, but we should also refuse to commit ourselves to any statement which may be interpreted as being sympathetic or antagonistic to any existing political organization or philosophy.” -Amuensis of Shoghi Effendi, Lights of Guidance, #1468

In other words, any statement we make a about the merits or demerits of a political philosophy or organization, we must qualify our statements to make it clear that the science of civics requires that remain neutral and impartial in our analyses, and that we are not to take sides, since true statesmanship means using logic, philosophy, spirituality and science to publicly examime and critique the ideas in general rather than any particular institution or politician. No the reason my enlisted with the Libertarian party isn’t a contradiction to said principles is simple: “”We should not only take sides with no political party, group or system actually in use”. Since the Libertarian Party does not hold power and is not a group system which is actually in use, then my involvement is permissible so long as I keep to all the aforementioned principles we’ve just discussed.

Holy brainwashing, Batman! At that point I blocked him on YouTube and never answered his lunacy on Facebook. But others made comments of their own when I **posted about this matter on reddit**.

Uqbari

The Mormons say that women don’t *need* priestly ordinances, because they’re already pure enough for jazz.

shessolucky

Mansplaining.

MirzaJan

LOL. No one will buy it except some brainwashed Baha’is.

> Uqbari
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> Hey, this explains everything! (a) it's really more of a burden than an opportunity for selfish power-seeking, and (b) women are needed for birthin' babies, and can't be running off to Haifa all the time.
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> In US Protestant Christianity the view that men and women have fundamentally different natures and roles would be known as "complementarianism." Unlike the Baha'is, this principle is used mainly to demonstrate that wives have a duty to obey and submit to their husbands. (I brought this up with my wife, but she reacted wickedly.)
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> I just love it when men tell women what they are supposed to want

I put the ultimate nail in the coffin of Corrano's credibility with:

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> Imagine if followers of a racist religion would say:
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> > Only those whites who have no additional conflicting duties to humanity and to the cause of God can be called to serve on the High Council of Apostles.
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> > Blacks, as a mercy and a grace from God, have been exonerated of this burden – and this is manifest justice, if you only knew it.
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> Baha'is wouldn't accept that claim for a moment!



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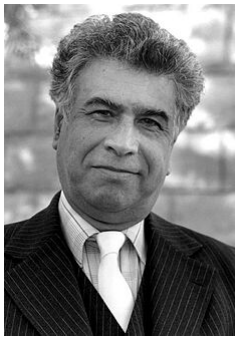
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ADIB TAHERZADEH, CON ARTIST

This is a blog entry devoted to a Baha'i "historian" and propaganda writer who used his fame among the Baha'is to get himself elected to the Universal House of Justice. His name was Adib Taherzadeh.

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> **Adib Taherzadeh** (April 29, 1921 – January 26, 2000) was a member of the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of the Bahá'í Faith, from 1988 to 2000.
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> Taherzadeh was born into a Bahá'í Family in Yazd, Iran. He studied electrical engineering at the University of Tehran, pursued advanced studies in Coventry, England, and worked as the chief engineer of an industrial concern from 1950 until 1984. His dedication to the Faith can be judged from the fact that while he was studying in Coventry, he would take public transport to get to Birmingham, where the nearest Feast was being held, and at the end of the Feast, by which time of the evening there were no further buses, he would walk back to Coventry.
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> Mr. Taherzadeh served on the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the British Isles from 1960 to 1971. He was elected to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the Republic of Ireland when it was formed in 1972 and was appointed in 1976 to the European Continental Board of Counsellors, a senior advisory body. He was elected to the Universal House of Justice in 1988.

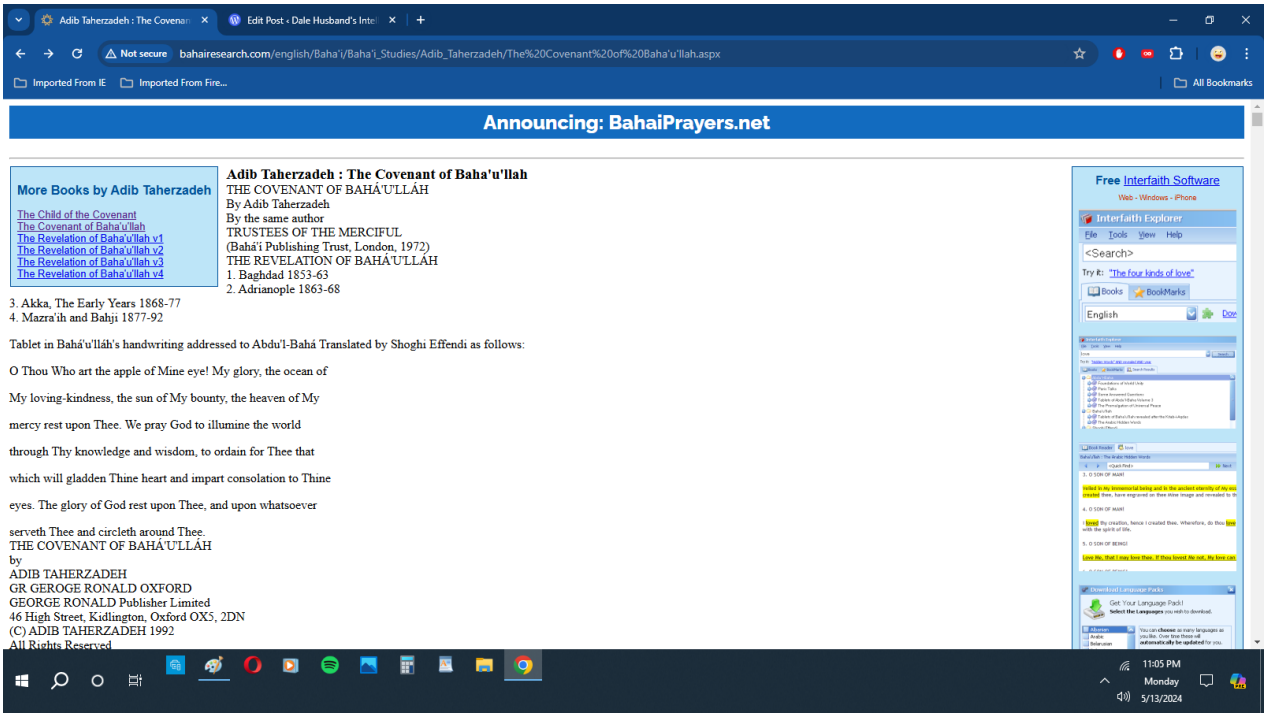
When I was a Baha'i. I bought two of his books, **The Covenant of Baha'u'llah**, and **The Child of the Covenant: A Study Guide to the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha**. The second book turned out to be a mere paraphrasing of the first rather than an actual sequel, thus I was tricked into buying a book I really didn't need at all.

I lost both books after I deconverted, and thus was glad to discover that the text of both books have been posted online. All the better for me to dig them up and discredit them with logic, eh?

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> UPDATE: The actual text for both books was removed from that website after I published this blog entry, no doubt as a desperate form of damage control. I shall counter this in later edits of this entry.
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Tablet in Bahá'u'lláh's handwriting addressed to Abdu'l-Bahá Translated by Shoghi Effendi as follows:
O Thou Who art the apple of Mine eye! My glory, the ocean of
My loving-kindness, the sun of My bounty, the heaven of My
mercy rest upon Thee. We pray God to illumine the world
through Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for Thee that
which will gladden Thine heart and impart consolation to Thine
eyes. The glory of God rest upon Thee, and upon whatsoever
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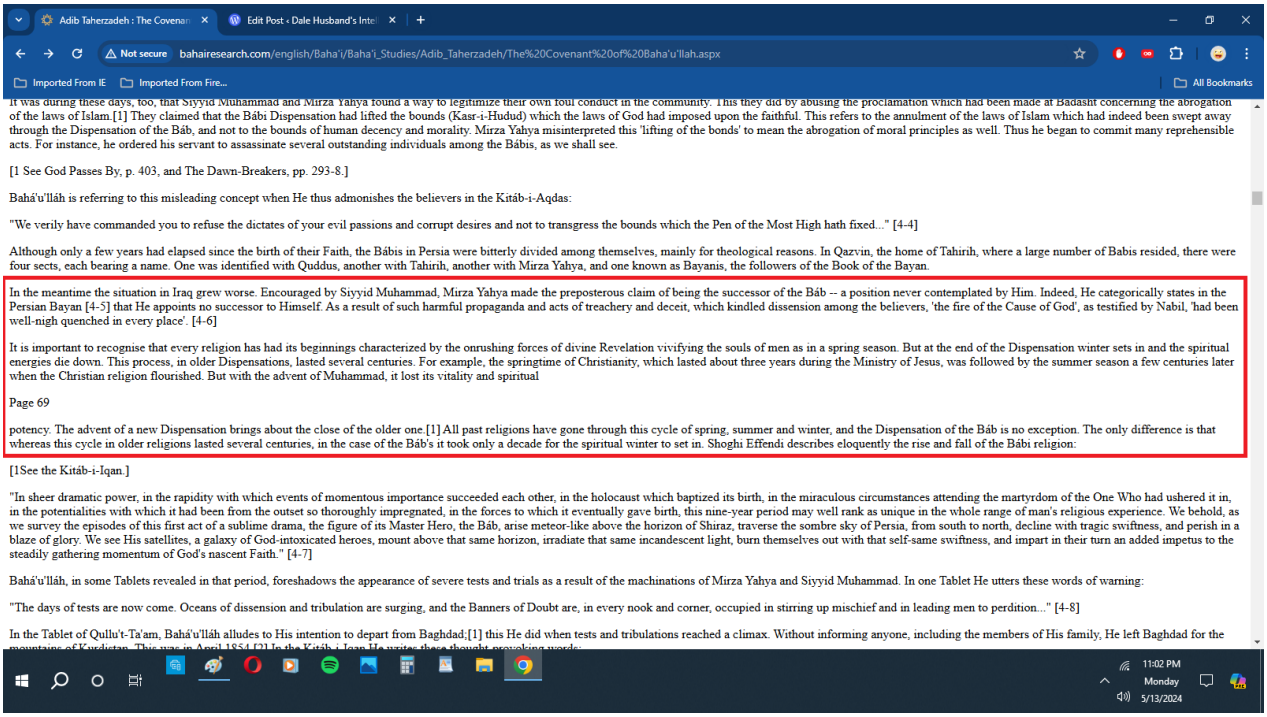
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Problem: Why would Mirza Yahya make such a claim if the Persian Bayan itself denies it? Wouldn't the Babis have access to the Bayan to know if there was a successor or not? And of course, Taherzadeh doesn't support this with a direct quote from the Bayan itself. Hmm....

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Problem: Didn't it ever occur to Taherzadeh that this same issue would also plague the Baha'i Faith?

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It was during these days, too, that Siyyid Muhammad and Mirza Yahya found a way to legitimize their own foul conduct in the community. This they did by abusing the proclamation which had been made at Badasht concerning the abrogation of the laws of Islam.[1] They claimed that the Bábi Dispensation had lifted the bounds (Kasr-i-Hudud) which the laws of God had imposed upon the faithful. This refers to the annulment of the laws of Islam which had indeed been swept away through the Dispensation of the Báb, and not to the bounds of human decency and morality. Mirza Yahya misinterpreted this 'lifting of the bonds' to mean the abrogation of moral principles as well. Thus he began to commit many reprehensible acts. For instance, he ordered his servant to assassinate several outstanding individuals among the Bábis, as we shall see.
[1 See God Passes By, p. 403, and The Dawn-Breakers, pp. 293-8.]
Bahá'u'lláh is referring to this misleading concept when He thus admonishes the believers in the Kitáb-i-Aqdas:
"We verily have commanded you to refuse the dictates of your evil passions and corrupt desires and not to transgress the bounds which the Pen of the Most High hath fixed..." [4-4]
Although only a few years had elapsed since the birth of their Faith, the Bábis in Persia were bitterly divided among themselves, mainly for theological reasons. In Qazvin, the home of Tahirih, where a large number of Babis resided, there were four sects, each bearing a name. One was identified with Quddus, another with Tahirih, another with Mirza Yahya, and one known as Bayanis, the followers of the Book of the Bayan.
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[1See the Kitáb-i-Iqan.]
"In sheer dramatic power, in the rapidity with which events of momentous importance succeeded each other, in the holocaust which baptized its birth, in the miraculous circumstances attending the martyrdom of the One Who had ushered it in, in the potentialities with which it had been from the outset so thoroughly impregnated, in the forces to which it eventually gave birth, this nine-year period may well rank as unique in the whole range of man's religious experience. We behold, as we survey the episodes of this first act of a sublime drama, the figure of its Master Hero, the Báb, arise meteor-like above the horizon of Shiraz, traverse the sombre sky of Persia, from south to north, decline with tragic swiftness, and perish in a blaze of glory. We see His satellites, a galaxy of God-intoxicated heroes, mount above that same horizon, irradiate that same incandescent light, burn themselves out with that self-same swiftness, and impart in their turn an added impetus to the steadily gathering momentum of God's nascent Faith." [4-7]
Bahá'u'lláh, in some Tablets revealed in that period, foreshadows the appearance of severe tests and trials as a result of the machinations of Mirza Yahya and Siyyid Muhammad. In one Tablet He utters these words of warning:
"The days of tests are now come. Oceans of dissension and tribulation are surging, and the Banners of Doubt are, in every nook and corner, occupied in stirring up mischief and in leading men to perdition..." [4-8]
In the Tablet of Qullu't-Ta'am, Bahá'u'lláh alludes to His intention to depart from Baghdad;[1] this He did when tests and tribulations reached a climax. Without informing anyone, including the members of His family, He left Baghdad for the
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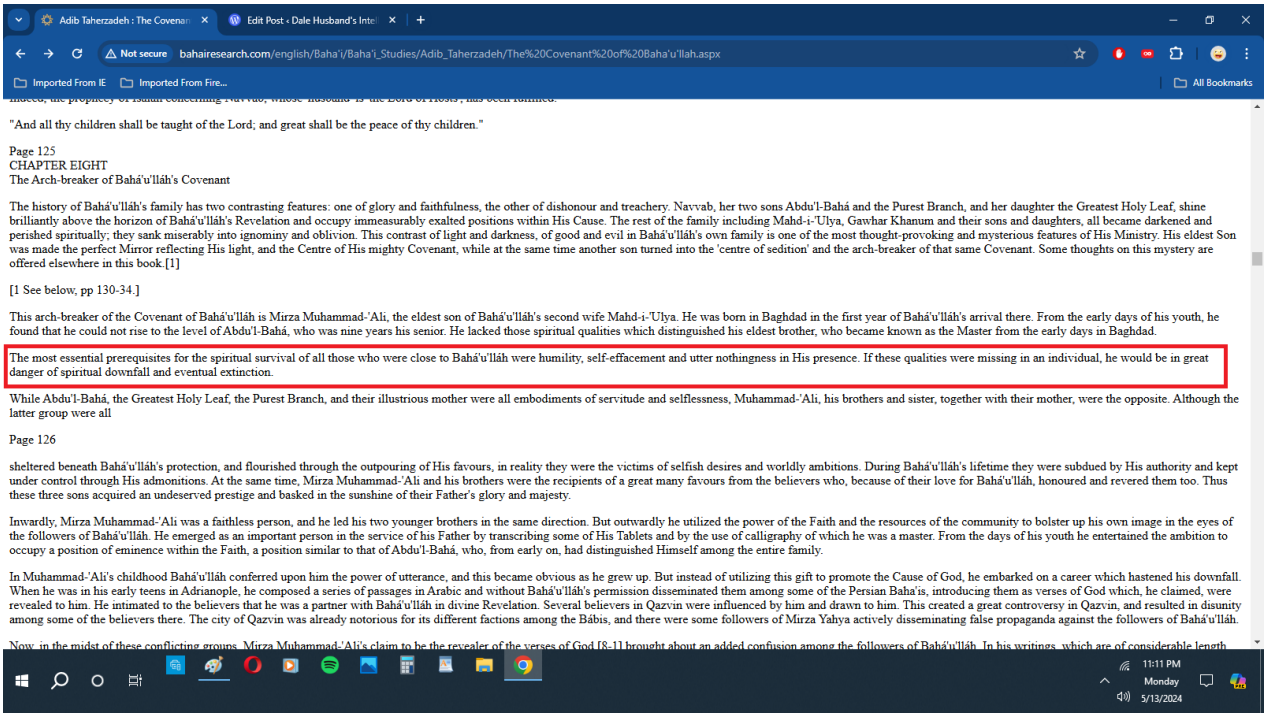
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Problem: Baha'u'lah himself did NOT display these virtues. In the Kitab-i-Aqdas, he wrote:

> **O ye leaders of religion! Who is the man amongst you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My equal in utterance or wisdom? No, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on the earth shall pass away; and this is the face of your Lord, the Almighty, the Well-Beloved.**
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> **We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge; and yet, behold how ye have allowed your learning to shut you out, as by a veil, from Him Who is the Dayspring of this Light, through Whom every hidden thing hath been revealed. Could ye but discover the source whence the splendor of this utterance is diffused, ye would cast away the peoples of the world and all that they possess, and would draw nigh unto this most blessed Seat of glory.**
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> **Say: This, verily, is the heaven in which the Mother Book is treasured, could ye but comprehend it. He it is Who hath caused the Rock to shout, and the Burning Bush to lift up its voice, upon the Mount rising above the Holy Land, and proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Powerful, the Loving!"**
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> **We have not entered any school, nor read any of your dissertations. Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One, wherewith He summoneth you unto God, the Ever-Abiding. Better is this for you than all the treasures of the earth, could ye but comprehend it.**

Can you spell H-Y-P-O-C-R-I-S-Y?

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"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

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CHAPTER EIGHT
The Arch-breaker of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant

The history of Bahá'u'lláh's family has two contrasting features: one of glory and faithfulness, the other of dishonour and treachery. Navvab, her two sons Abdu'l-Bahá and the Purest Branch, and her daughter the Greatest Holy Leaf, shine brilliantly above the horizon of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation and occupy immeasurably exalted positions within His Cause. The rest of the family including Mahd-i-'Ulya, Gawhar Khanum and their sons and daughters, all became darkened and perished spiritually; they sank miserably into ignominy and oblivion. This contrast of light and darkness, of good and evil in Bahá'u'lláh's own family is one of the most thought-provoking and mysterious features of His Ministry. His eldest Son was made the perfect Mirror reflecting His light, and the Centre of His mighty Covenant, while at the same time another son turned into the 'centre of sedition' and the arch-breaker of that same Covenant. Some thoughts on this mystery are offered elsewhere in this book.[1]

[1 See below, pp 130-34.]

This arch-breaker of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh is Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, the eldest son of Bahá'u'lláh's second wife Mahd-i-'Ulya. He was born in Baghdad in the first year of Bahá'u'lláh's arrival there. From the early days of his youth, he found that he could not rise to the level of Abdu'l-Bahá, who was nine years his senior. He lacked those spiritual qualities which distinguished his eldest brother, who became known as the Master from the early days in Baghdad.

The most essential prerequisites for the spiritual survival of all those who were close to Bahá'u'lláh were humility, self-effacement and utter nothingness in His presence. If these qualities were missing in an individual, he would be in great danger of spiritual downfall and eventual extinction.

While Abdu'l-Bahá, the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Purest Branch, and their illustrious mother were all embodiments of servitude and selflessness, Muhammad-'Ali, his brothers and sister, together with their mother, were the opposite. Although the latter group were all

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sheltered beneath Bahá'u'lláh's protection, and flourished through the outpouring of His favours, in reality they were the victims of selfish desires and worldly ambitions. During Bahá'u'lláh's lifetime they were subdued by His authority and kept under control through His admonitions. At the same time, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and his brothers were the recipients of a great many favours from the believers who, because of their love for Bahá'u'lláh, honoured and revered them too. Thus these three sons acquired an undeserved prestige and basked in the sunshine of their Father's glory and majesty.

Inwardly, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali was a faithless person, and he led his two younger brothers in the same direction. But outwardly he utilized the power of the Faith and the resources of the community to bolster up his own image in the eyes of the followers of Bahá'u'lláh. He emerged as an important person in the service of his Father by transcribing some of His Tablets and by the use of calligraphy of which he was a master. From the days of his youth he entertained the ambition to occupy a position of eminence within the Faith, a position similar to that of Abdu'l-Bahá, who, from early on, had distinguished Himself among the entire family.

In Muhammad-'Ali's childhood Bahá'u'lláh conferred upon him the power of utterance, and this became obvious as he grew up. But instead of utilizing this gift to promote the Cause of God, he embarked on a career which hastened his downfall. When he was in his early teens in Adrianople, he composed a series of passages in Arabic and without Bahá'u'lláh's permission disseminated them among some of the Persian Baha'is, introducing them as verses of God which, he claimed, were revealed to him. He intimated to the believers that he was a partner with Bahá'u'lláh in divine Revelation. Several believers in Qazvin were influenced by him and drawn to him. This created a great controversy in Qazvin, and resulted in disunity among some of the believers there. The city of Qazvin was already notorious for its different factions among the Bábis, and there were some followers of Mirza Yahya actively disseminating false propaganda against the followers of Bahá'u'lláh.

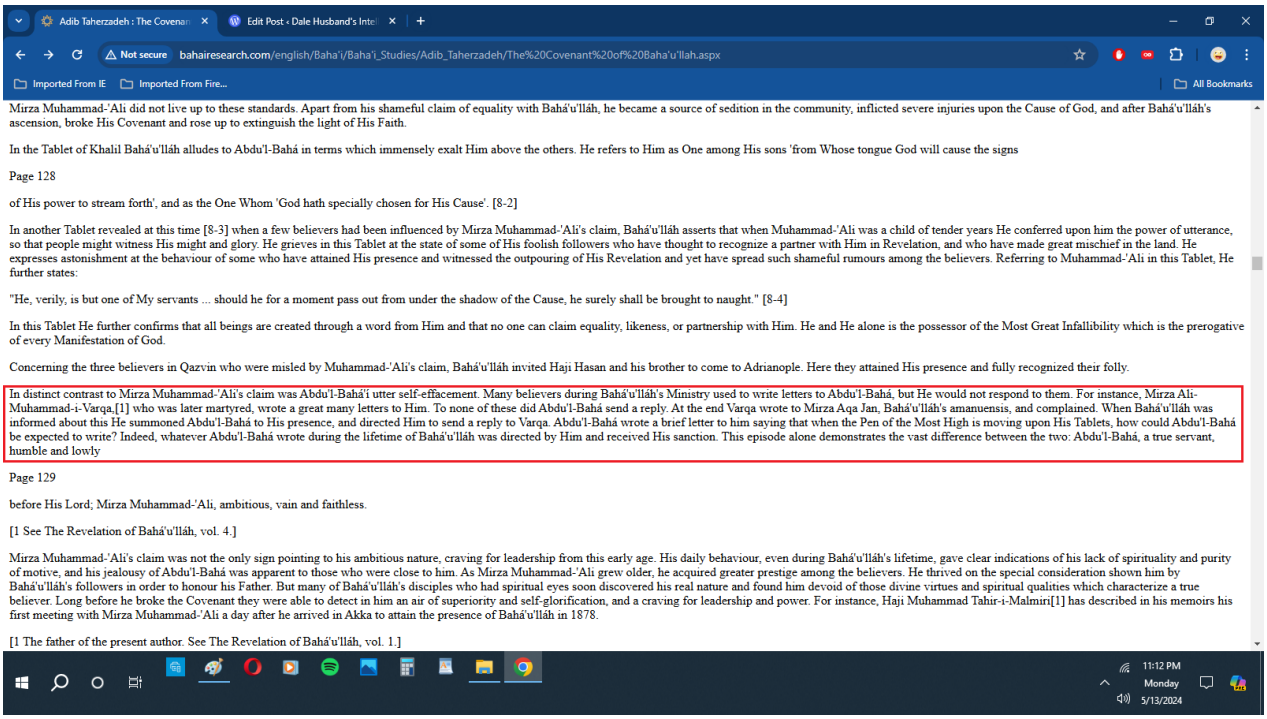
Now, in the midst of these conflicting groups, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's claim to be the revealer of the verses of God [8-1] brought about an added confusion among the followers of Bahá'u'lláh. In his writings, which are of considerable length

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If I wrote several letters to anyone and he never saw fit to reply to me, I would not think him humble. Quite the opposite! It's possible Abdu'l-Baha really didn't give a damn about his fellow Baha'is as long as he wasn't in charge yet.

NOTE: Another screenshot of the actual text:



Mirza Muhammad-'Ali did not live up to these standards. Apart from his shameful claim of equality with Bahá'u'lláh, he became a source of sedition in the community, inflicted severe injuries upon the Cause of God, and after Bahá'u'lláh's ascension, broke His Covenant and rose up to extinguish the light of His Faith.

In the Tablet of Khalil Bahá'u'lláh alludes to Abdu'l-Bahá in terms which immensely exalt Him above the others. He refers to Him as One among His sons 'from Whose tongue God will cause the signs

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of His power to stream forth', and as the One Whom 'God hath specially chosen for His Cause'. [8-2]

In another Tablet revealed at this time [8-3] when a few believers had been influenced by Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's claim, Bahá'u'lláh asserts that when Muhammad-'Ali was a child of tender years He conferred upon him the power of utterance, so that people might witness His might and glory. He grieves in this Tablet at the state of some of His foolish followers who have thought to recognize a partner with Him in Revelation, and who have made great mischief in the land. He expresses astonishment at the behaviour of some who have attained His presence and witnessed the outpouring of His Revelation and yet have spread such shameful rumours among the believers. Referring to Muhammad-'Ali in this Tablet, He further states:

"He, verily, is but one of My servants ... should he for a moment pass out from under the shadow of the Cause, he surely shall be brought to naught." [8-4]

In this Tablet He further confirms that all beings are created through a word from Him and that no one can claim equality, likeness, or partnership with Him. He and He alone is the possessor of the Most Great Infallibility which is the prerogative of every Manifestation of God.

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[1 See The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, vol. 4.]

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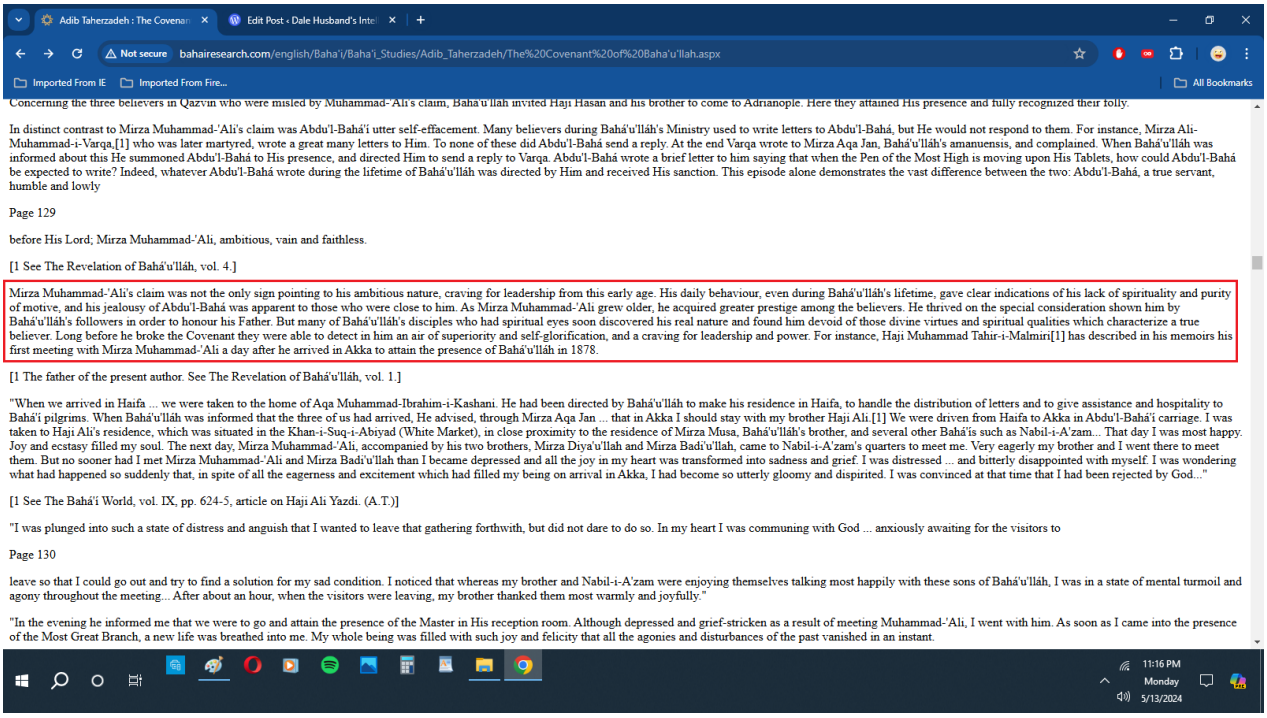
[1 The father of the present author. See The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, vol. 1.]

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Problem: Appearantly Baha'u'llah himself never noticed these character flaws in Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. Otherwise, why would he mention both Abdu'l-Baha and Mirza Muhammad-'Ali in his Book of the Covenant as his successors?

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Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's claim was not the only sign pointing to his ambitious nature, craving for leadership from this early age. His daily behaviour, even during Bahá'u'lláh's lifetime, gave clear indications of his lack of spirituality and purity of motive, and his jealousy of Abdu'l-Bahá was apparent to those who were close to him. As Mirza Muhammad-'Ali grew older, he acquired greater prestige among the believers. He thrived on the special consideration shown him by Bahá'u'lláh's followers in order to honour his Father. But many of Bahá'u'lláh's disciples who had spiritual eyes soon discovered his real nature and found him devoid of those divine virtues and spiritual qualities which characterize a true believer. Long before he broke the Covenant they were able to detect in him an air of superiority and self-glorification, and a craving for leadership and power. For instance, Haji Muhammad Tahir-i-Malmiri[1] has described in his memoirs his first meeting with Mirza Muhammad-'Ali a day after he arrived in Akka to attain the presence of Bahá'u'lláh in 1878.
[1 The father of the present author. See The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, vol. 1.]
"When we arrived in Haifa ... we were taken to the home of Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim-i-Kashani. He had been directed by Bahá'u'lláh to make his residence in Haifa, to handle the distribution of letters and to give assistance and hospitality to Bahá'í pilgrims. When Bahá'u'lláh was informed that the three of us had arrived, He advised, through Mirza Aqa Jan ... that in Akka I should stay with my brother Haji Ali.[1] We were driven from Haifa to Akka in Abdu'l-Bahá'í carriage. I was taken to Haji Ali's residence, which was situated in the Khan-i-Suq-i-Abiyad (White Market), in close proximity to the residence of Mirza Musa, Bahá'u'lláh's brother, and several other Bahá'ís such as Nabil-i-A'zam... That day I was most happy. Joy and ecstasy filled my soul. The next day, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, accompanied by his two brothers, Mirza Diya'u'llah and Mirza Badi'u'llah, came to Nabil-i-A'zam's quarters to meet me. Very eagerly my brother and I went there to meet them. But no sooner had I met Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and Mirza Badi'u'llah than I became depressed and all the joy in my heart was transformed into sadness and grief. I was distressed ... and bitterly disappointed with myself. I was wondering what had happened so suddenly that, in spite of all the eagerness and excitement which had filled my being on arrival in Akka, I had become so utterly gloomy and dispirited. I was convinced at that time that I had been rejected by God..."
[1 See The Bahá'í World, vol. IX, pp. 624-5, article on Haji Ali Yazdi. (A.T.)]
"I was plunged into such a state of distress and anguish that I wanted to leave that gathering forthwith, but did not dare to do so. In my heart I was communing with God ... anxiously awaiting for the visitors to
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leave so that I could go out and try to find a solution for my sad condition. I noticed that whereas my brother and Nabil-i-A'zam were enjoying themselves talking most happily with these sons of Bahá'u'lláh, I was in a state of mental turmoil and agony throughout the meeting... After about an hour, when the visitors were leaving, my brother thanked them most warmly and joyfully."
"In the evening he informed me that we were to go and attain the presence of the Master in His reception room. Although depressed and grief-stricken as a result of meeting Muhammad-'Ali, I went with him. As soon as I came into the presence of the Most Great Branch, a new life was breathed into me. My whole being was filled with such joy and felicity that all the agonies and disturbances of the past vanished in an instant.
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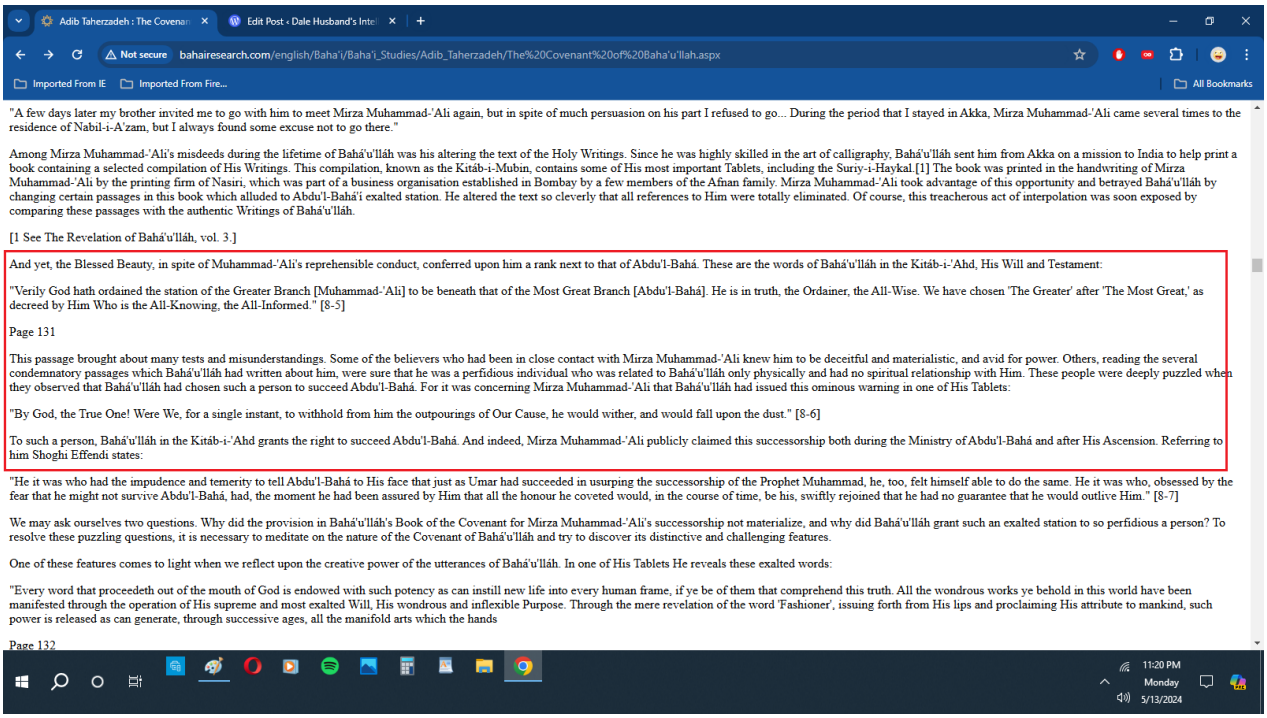
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"A few days later my brother invited me to go with him to meet Mirza Muhammad-'Ali again, but in spite of much persuasion on his part I refused to go... During the period that I stayed in Akka, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali came several times to the residence of Nabil-i-A'zam, but I always found some excuse not to go there."

Among Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's misdeeds during the lifetime of Bahá'u'lláh was his altering the text of the Holy Writings. Since he was highly skilled in the art of calligraphy, Bahá'u'lláh sent him from Akka on a mission to India to help print a book containing a selected compilation of His Writings. This compilation, known as the Kitáb-i-Mubín, contains some of His most important Tablets, including the Suriy-i-Haykal.[1] The book was printed in the handwriting of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali by the printing firm of Nasiri, which was part of a business organisation established in Bombay by a few members of the Afnan family. Mirza Muhammad-'Ali took advantage of this opportunity and betrayed Bahá'u'lláh by changing certain passages in this book which alluded to Abdu'l-Bahá'í exalted station. He altered the text so cleverly that all references to Him were totally eliminated. Of course, this treacherous act of interpolation was soon exposed by comparing these passages with the authentic Writings of Bahá'u'lláh.

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"He it was who had the impudence and temerity to tell Abdu'l-Bahá to His face that just as Umar had succeeded in usurping the successorship of the Prophet Muhammad, he, too, felt himself able to do the same. He it was who, obsessed by the fear that he might not survive Abdu'l-Bahá, had, the moment he had been assured by Him that all the honour he coveted would, in the course of time, be his, swiftly rejoined that he had no guarantee that he would outlive Him." [8-7]

We may ask ourselves two questions. Why did the provision in Bahá'u'lláh's Book of the Covenant for Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's successorship not materialize, and why did Bahá'u'lláh grant such an exalted station to so perfidious a person? To resolve these puzzling questions, it is necessary to meditate on the nature of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh and try to discover its distinctive and challenging features.

One of these features comes to light when we reflect upon the creative power of the utterances of Bahá'u'lláh. In one of His Tablets He reveals these exalted words:

"Every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God is endowed with such potency as can instill new life into every human frame, if ye be of them that comprehend this truth. All the wondrous works ye behold in this world have been manifested through the operation of His supreme and most exalted Will, His wondrous and inflexible Purpose. Through the mere revelation of the word 'Fashioner', issuing forth from His lips and proclaiming His attribute to mankind, such power is released as can generate, through successive ages, all the manifold arts which the hands

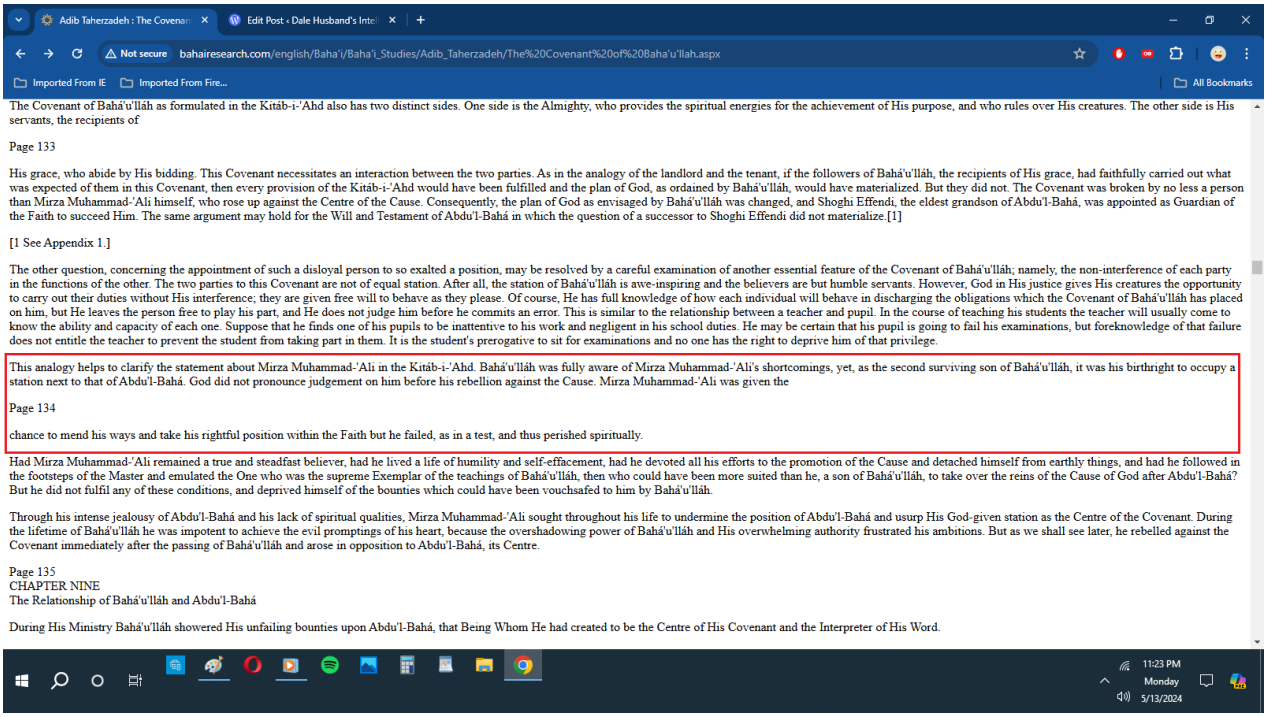
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That’s BULLSHIT! Being ANY son of Baha’u’llah should not have given someone a birthright to be Baha’i leader after him. I know Baha’is in the Middle East were used to living under absolute monarches, but if this religion was supposed to be a Faith to last 1000 years, then Baha’u’llah should have rejected the concept of monarchy and appointed the most worthy person to lead the Baha’i community, whether a relative of his or not!

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The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh as formulated in the Kitáb-i-'Ahd also has two distinct sides. One side is the Almighty, who provides the spiritual energies for the achievement of His purpose, and who rules over His creatures. The other side is His servants, the recipients of
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His grace, who abide by His bidding. This Covenant necessitates an interaction between the two parties. As in the analogy of the landlord and the tenant, if the followers of Bahá'u'lláh, the recipients of His grace, had faithfully carried out what was expected of them in this Covenant, then every provision of the Kitáb-i-'Ahd would have been fulfilled and the plan of God, as ordained by Bahá'u'lláh, would have materialized. But they did not. The Covenant was broken by no less a person than Mirza Muhammad-'Ali himself, who rose up against the Centre of the Cause. Consequently, the plan of God as envisaged by Bahá'u'lláh was changed, and Shoghi Effendi, the eldest grandson of Abdu'l-Bahá, was appointed as Guardian of the Faith to succeed Him. The same argument may hold for the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Bahá in which the question of a successor to Shoghi Effendi did not materialize.[1]
[1 See Appendix 1.]
The other question, concerning the appointment of such a disloyal person to so exalted a position, may be resolved by a careful examination of another essential feature of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh; namely, the non-interference of each party in the functions of the other. The two parties to this Covenant are not of equal station. After all, the station of Bahá'u'lláh is awe-inspiring and the believers are but humble servants. However, God in His justice gives His creatures the opportunity to carry out their duties without His interference; they are given free will to behave as they please. Of course, He has full knowledge of how each individual will behave in discharging the obligations which the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh has placed on him, but He leaves the person free to play his part, and He does not judge him before he commits an error. This is similar to the relationship between a teacher and pupil. In the course of teaching his students the teacher will usually come to know the ability and capacity of each one. Suppose that he finds one of his pupils to be inattentive to his work and negligent in his school duties. He may be certain that his pupil is going to fail his examinations, but foreknowledge of that failure does not entitle the teacher to prevent the student from taking part in them. It is the student's prerogative to sit for examinations and no one has the right to deprive him of that privilege.
This analogy helps to clarify the statement about Mirza Muhammad-'Ali in the Kitáb-i-'Ahd. Bahá'u'lláh was fully aware of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali's shortcomings, yet, as the second surviving son of Bahá'u'lláh, it was his birthright to occupy a station next to that of Abdu'l-Bahá. God did not pronounce judgement on him before his rebellion against the Cause. Mirza Muhammad-'Ali was given the
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Had Mirza Muhammad-'Ali remained a true and steadfast believer, had he lived a life of humility and self-effacement, had he devoted all his efforts to the promotion of the Cause and detached himself from earthly things, and had he followed in the footsteps of the Master and emulated the One who was the supreme Exemplar of the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, then who could have been more suited than he, a son of Bahá'u'lláh, to take over the reins of the Cause of God after Abdu'l-Bahá? But he did not fulfil any of these conditions, and deprived himself of the bounties which could have been vouchsafed to him by Bahá'u'lláh.
Through his intense jealousy of Abdu'l-Bahá and his lack of spiritual qualities, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali sought throughout his life to undermine the position of Abdu'l-Bahá and usurp His God-given station as the Centre of the Covenant. During the lifetime of Bahá'u'lláh he was impotent to achieve the evil promptings of his heart, because the overshadowing power of Bahá'u'lláh and His overwhelming authority frustrated his ambitions. But as we shall see later, he rebelled against the Covenant immediately after the passing of Bahá'u'lláh and arose in opposition to Abdu'l-Bahá, its Centre.
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CHAPTER NINE
The Relationship of Bahá'u'lláh and Abdu'l-Bahá
During His Ministry Bahá'u'lláh showered His unfailing bounties upon Abdu'l-Bahá, that Being Whom He had created to be the Centre of His Covenant and the Interpreter of His Word.
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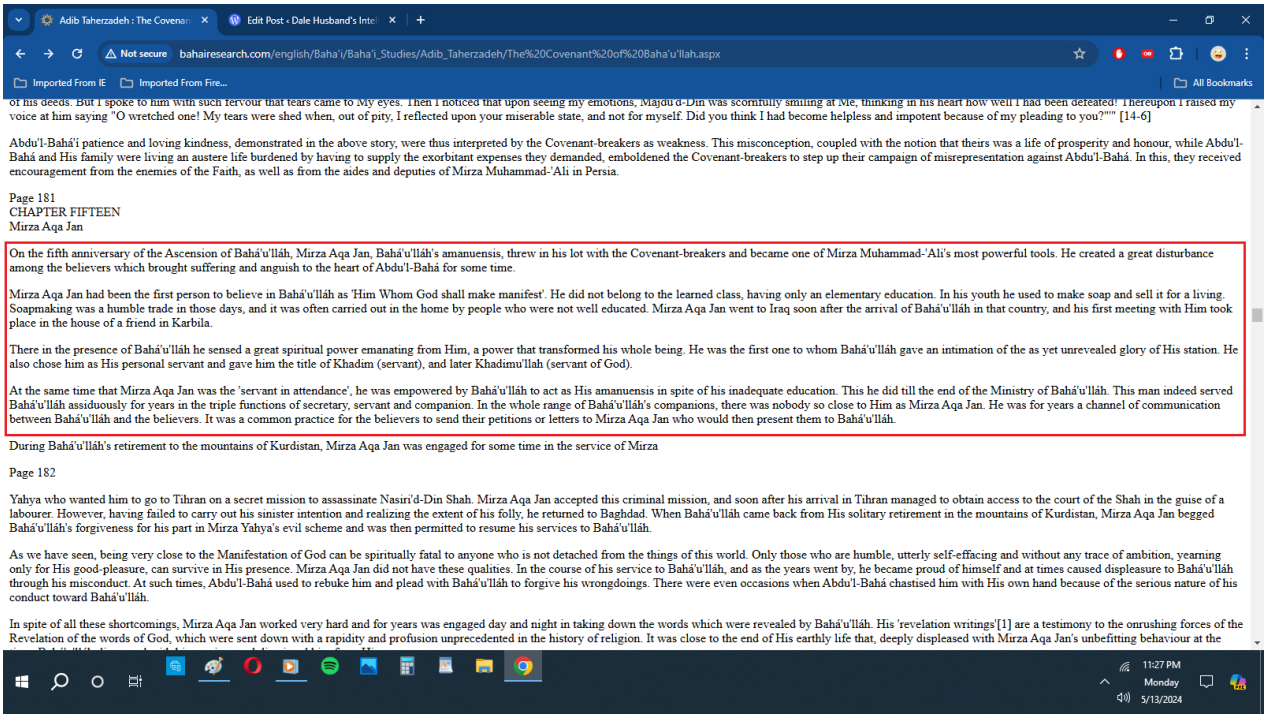
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1. Baha'u'llah called for Abdu'l-Baha to be the leader of the Baha'i Faith after him and that his brother Mirza Muhammad-Ali was to be Abdu'l-Baha's successor. He did NOT claim anything for Abdu'l-Baha beyond that.

2. Abdu'l-Baha broke the original Baha'i covenant by claiming to be infallible (Baha'u'llah in the Kitab-i-Aqdas said

only God was infallible). Because his brother opposed this, that brother was denounced as a covenant-breaker, ironically. Abdu'l-Baha then appointed Shoghi Effendi as his successor (the "Guardian of the Cause of God") and said that the Guardian and the Universal House of Justice would also be infallibly guided by God. This I consider to be blasphemy.

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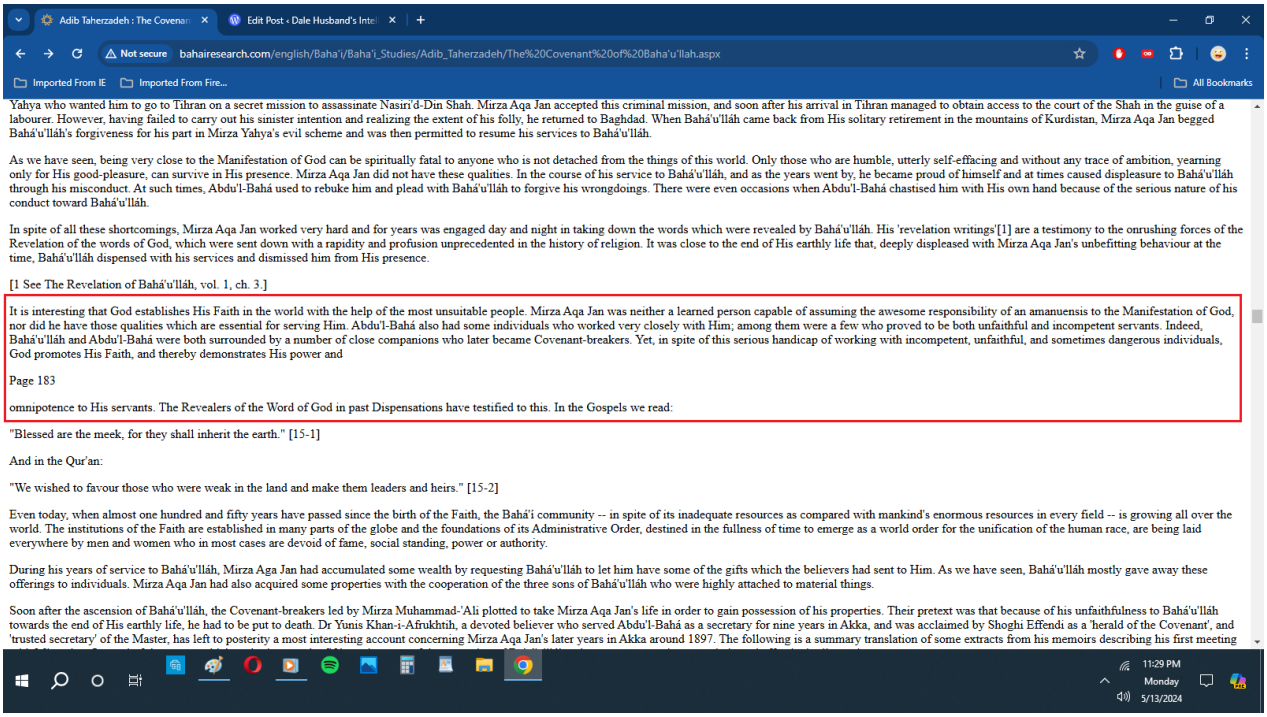

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Abdu'l-Bahá'í patience and loving kindness, demonstrated in the above story, were thus interpreted by the Covenant-breakers as weakness. This misconception, coupled with the notion that theirs was a life of prosperity and honour, while Abdu'l-Bahá and His family were living an austere life burdened by having to supply the exorbitant expenses they demanded, emboldened the Covenant-breakers to step up their campaign of misrepresentation against Abdu'l-Bahá. In this, they received encouragement from the enemies of the Faith, as well as from the aides and deputies of Mirza Muhammad-'Alí in Persia.
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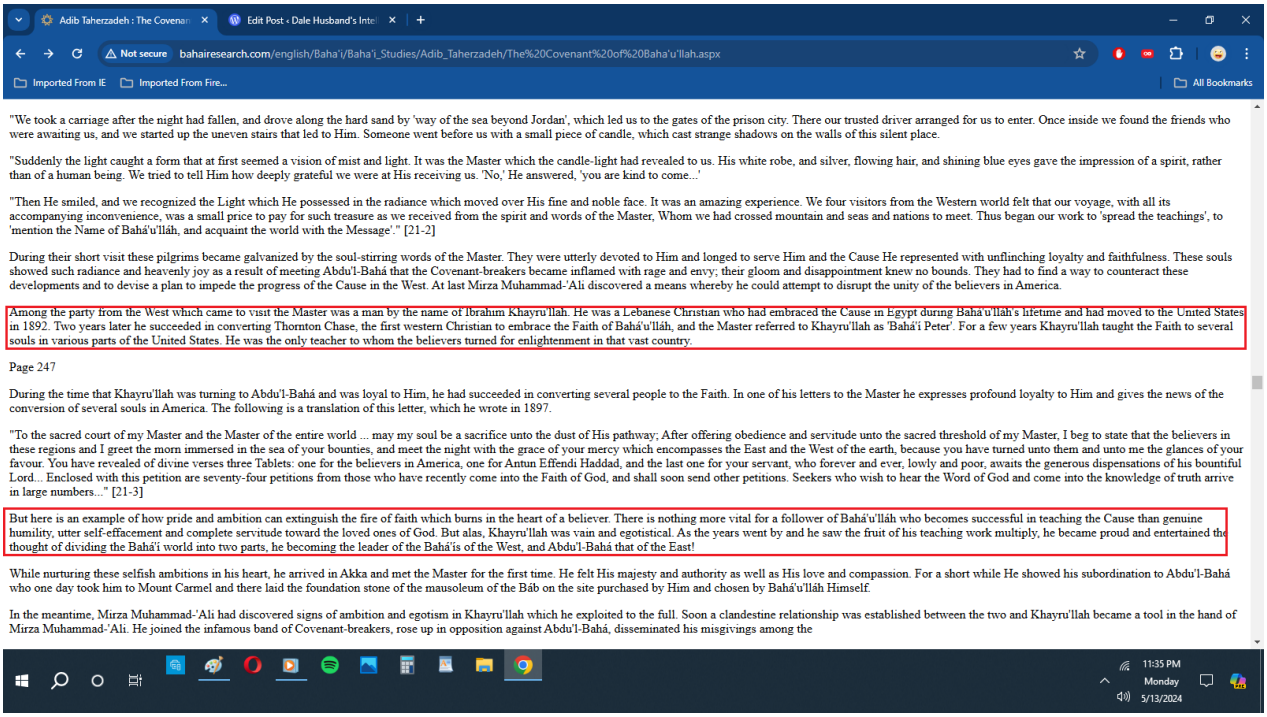

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[1 See The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, vol. 1, ch. 3.]
It is interesting that God establishes His Faith in the world with the help of the most unsuitable people. Mirza Aqa Jan was neither a learned person capable of assuming the awesome responsibility of an amanuensis to the Manifestation of God, nor did he have those qualities which are essential for serving Him. Abdu'l-Bahá also had some individuals who worked very closely with Him; among them were a few who proved to be both unfaithful and incompetent servants. Indeed, Bahá'u'lláh and Abdu'l-Bahá were both surrounded by a number of close companions who later became Covenant-breakers. Yet, in spite of this serious handicap of working with incompetent, unfaithful, and sometimes dangerous individuals, God promotes His Faith, and thereby demonstrates His power and
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omnipotence to His servants. The Revealers of the Word of God in past Dispensations have testified to this. In the Gospels we read:
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." [15-1]
And in the Qur'an:
"We wished to favour those who were weak in the land and make them leaders and heirs." [15-2]
Even today, when almost one hundred and fifty years have passed since the birth of the Faith, the Bahá'í community -- in spite of its inadequate resources as compared with mankind's enormous resources in every field -- is growing all over the world. The institutions of the Faith are established in many parts of the globe and the foundations of its Administrative Order, destined in the fullness of time to emerge as a world order for the unification of the human race, are being laid everywhere by men and women who in most cases are devoid of fame, social standing, power or authority.
During his years of service to Bahá'u'lláh, Mirza Aga Jan had accumulated some wealth by requesting Bahá'u'lláh to let him have some of the gifts which the believers had sent to Him. As we have seen, Bahá'u'lláh mostly gave away these offerings to individuals. Mirza Aqa Jan had also acquired some properties with the cooperation of the three sons of Bahá'u'lláh who were highly attached to material things.
Soon after the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh, the Covenant-breakers led by Mirza Muhammad-'Ali plotted to take Mirza Aqa Jan's life in order to gain possession of his properties. Their pretext was that because of his unfaithfulness to Bahá'u'lláh towards the end of His earthly life, he had to be put to death. Dr Yunis Khan-i-Afrukhtih, a devoted believer who served Abdu'l-Bahá as a secretary for nine years in Akka, and was acclaimed by Shoghi Effendi as a 'herald of the Covenant', and 'trusted secretary' of the Master, has left to posterity a most interesting account concerning Mirza Aqa Jan's later years in Akka around 1897. The following is a summary translation of some extracts from his memoirs describing his first meeting
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> But here is an example of how pride and ambition can extinguish the fire of faith which burns in the heart of a believer. There is nothing more vital for a follower of Bahá'u'lláh who becomes successful in teaching the Cause than genuine humility, utter self-effacement and complete servitude toward the loved ones of God. But alas, Khayru'llah was vain and egotistical. As the years went by and he saw the fruit of his teaching work multiply, he became proud and entertained the thought of dividing the Bahá'í world into two parts, he becoming the leader of the Bahá'ís of the West, and Abdu'l-Bahá that of the East!

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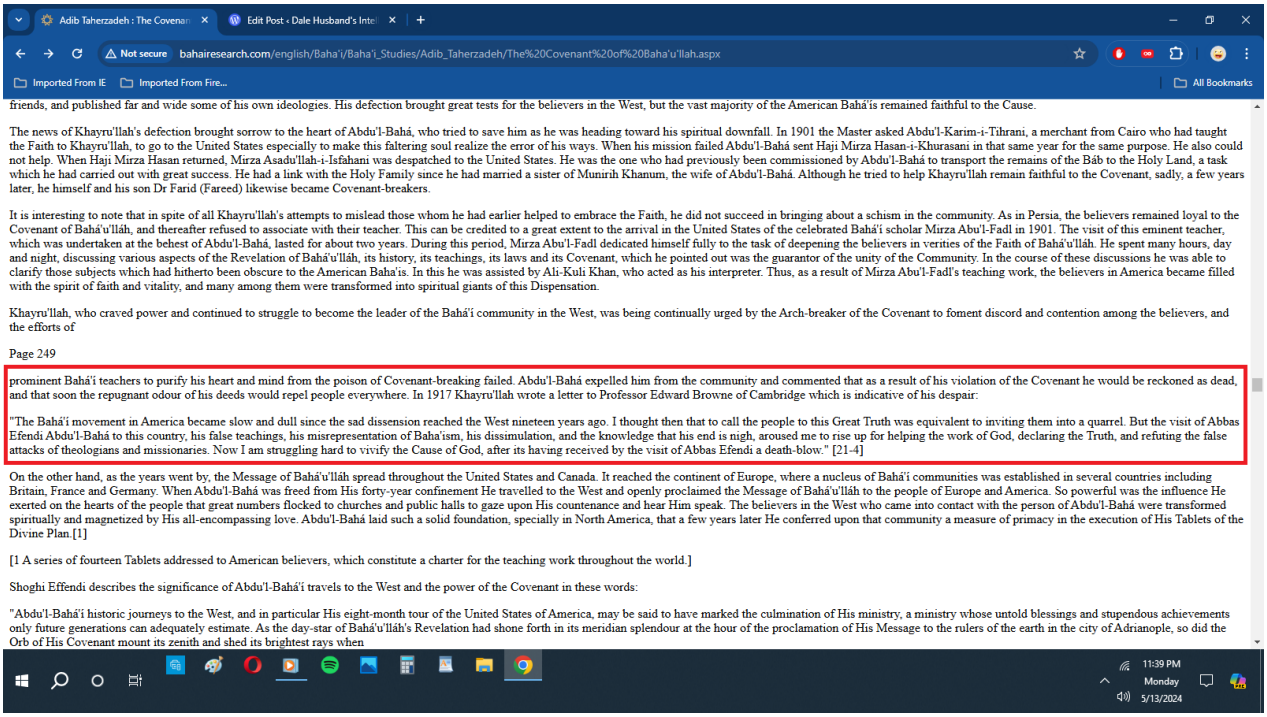

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"We took a carriage after the night had fallen, and drove along the hard sand by 'way of the sea beyond Jordan', which led us to the gates of the prison city. There our trusted driver arranged for us to enter. Once inside we found the friends who were awaiting us, and we started up the uneven stairs that led to Him. Someone went before us with a small piece of candle, which cast strange shadows on the walls of this silent place.
"Suddenly the light caught a form that at first seemed a vision of mist and light. It was the Master which the candle-light had revealed to us. His white robe, and silver, flowing hair, and shining blue eyes gave the impression of a spirit, rather than of a human being. We tried to tell Him how deeply grateful we were at His receiving us. 'No,' He answered, 'you are kind to come...'
"Then He smiled, and we recognized the Light which He possessed in the radiance which moved over His fine and noble face. It was an amazing experience. We four visitors from the Western world felt that our voyage, with all its accompanying inconvenience, was a small price to pay for such treasure as we received from the spirit and words of the Master, Whom we had crossed mountain and seas and nations to meet. Thus began our work to 'spread the teachings', to 'mention the Name of Bahá'u'lláh, and acquaint the world with the Message'." [21-2]
During their short visit these pilgrims became galvanized by the soul-stirring words of the Master. They were utterly devoted to Him and longed to serve Him and the Cause He represented with unflinching loyalty and faithfulness. These souls showed such radiance and heavenly joy as a result of meeting Abdu'l-Bahá that the Covenant-breakers became inflamed with rage and envy; their gloom and disappointment knew no bounds. They had to find a way to counteract these developments and to devise a plan to impede the progress of the Cause in the West. At last Mirza Muhammad-'Ali discovered a means whereby he could attempt to disrupt the unity of the believers in America.
Among the party from the West which came to visit the Master was a man by the name of Ibrahim Khayru'llah. He was a Lebanese Christian who had embraced the Cause in Egypt during Bahá'u'lláh's lifetime and had moved to the United States in 1892. Two years later he succeeded in converting Thornton Chase, the first western Christian to embrace the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, and the Master referred to Khayru'llah as 'Bahá'í Peter'. For a few years Khayru'llah taught the Faith to several souls in various parts of the United States. He was the only teacher to whom the believers turned for enlightenment in that vast country.
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During the time that Khayru'llah was turning to Abdu'l-Bahá and was loyal to Him, he had succeeded in converting several people to the Faith. In one of his letters to the Master he expresses profound loyalty to Him and gives the news of the conversion of several souls in America. The following is a translation of this letter, which he wrote in 1897.
"To the sacred court of my Master and the Master of the entire world ... may my soul be a sacrifice unto the dust of His pathway; After offering obedience and servitude unto the sacred threshold of my Master, I beg to state that the believers in these regions and I greet the morn immersed in the sea of your bounties, and meet the night with the grace of your mercy which encompasses the East and the West of the earth, because you have turned unto them and unto me the glances of your favour. You have revealed of divine verses three Tablets: one for the believers in America, one for Antun Effendi Haddad, and the last one for your servant, who forever and ever, lowly and poor, awaits the generous dispensations of his bountiful Lord... Enclosed with this petition are seventy-four petitions from those who have recently come into the Faith of God, and shall soon send other petitions. Seekers who wish to hear the Word of God and come into the knowledge of truth arrive in large numbers..." [21-3]
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While nurturing these selfish ambitions in his heart, he arrived in Akka and met the Master for the first time. He felt His majesty and authority as well as His love and compassion. For a short while He showed his subordination to Abdu'l-Bahá who one day took him to Mount Carmel and there laid the foundation stone of the mausoleum of the Báb on the site purchased by Him and chosen by Bahá'u'lláh Himself.
In the meantime, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali had discovered signs of ambition and egotism in Khayru'llah which he exploited to the full. Soon a clandestine relationship was established between the two and Khayru'llah became a tool in the hand of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. He joined the infamous band of Covenant-breakers, rose up in opposition against Abdu'l-Bahá, disseminated his misgivings among the
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Most likely Khayru'llah was a follower of the Baha'i Faith as it was originally taught by Baha'u'llah and when Abdu'l-Baha made changes to the teachings to make them palatable to western audiences, Khayru'llah rejected this approach. He sided with Mirza Muhammad-'Ali in his dispute with Abdu'l-Baha, which negates the earlier point about Khayru'llah wanting to be the leader of the western Baha'is.

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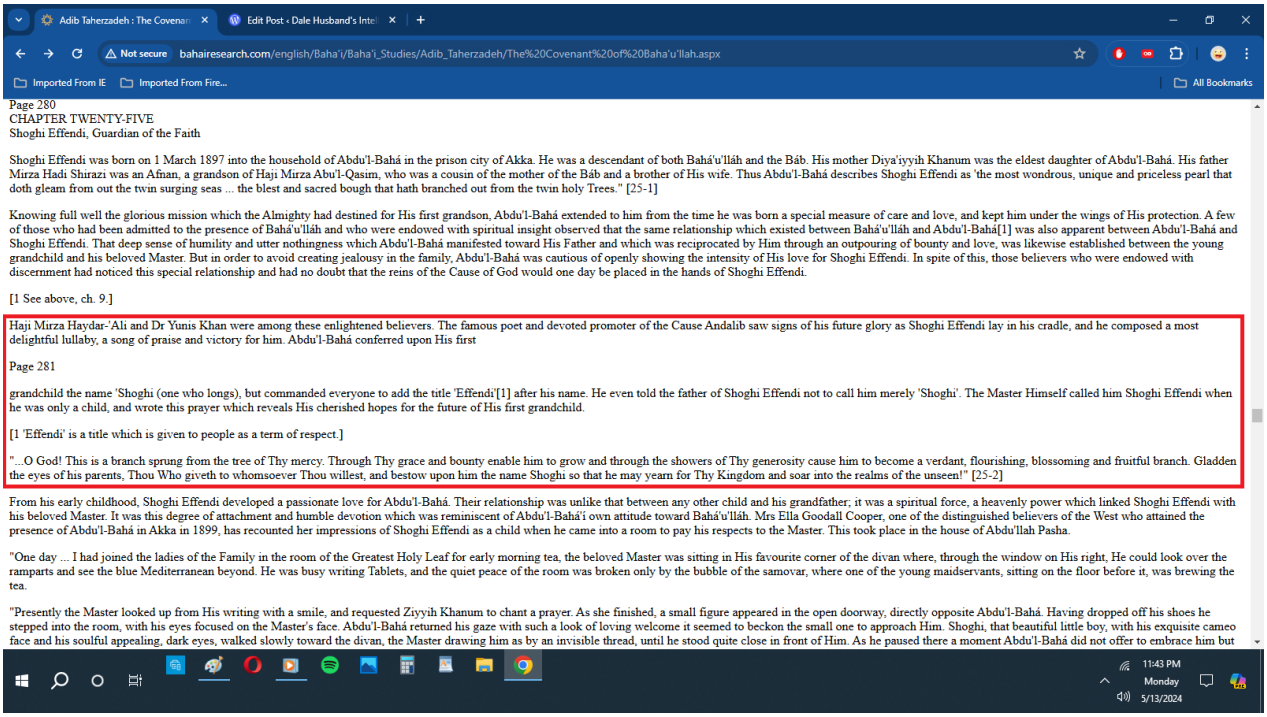

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friends, and published far and wide some of his own ideologies. His defection brought great tests for the believers in the West, but the vast majority of the American Bahá'ís remained faithful to the Cause.
The news of Khayru'llah's defection brought sorrow to the heart of Abdu'l-Bahá, who tried to save him as he was heading toward his spiritual downfall. In 1901 the Master asked Abdu'l-Karim-i-Tihrani, a merchant from Cairo who had taught the Faith to Khayru'llah, to go to the United States especially to make this faltering soul realize the error of his ways. When his mission failed Abdu'l-Bahá sent Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Khurasani in that same year for the same purpose. He also could not help. When Haji Mirza Hasan returned, Mirza Asadu'llah-i-Isfahani was despatched to the United States. He was the one who had previously been commissioned by Abdu'l-Bahá to transport the remains of the Báb to the Holy Land, a task which he had carried out with great success. He had a link with the Holy Family since he had married a sister of Munirih Khanum, the wife of Abdu'l-Bahá. Although he tried to help Khayru'llah remain faithful to the Covenant, sadly, a few years later, he himself and his son Dr Farid (Fareed) likewise became Covenant-breakers.
It is interesting to note that in spite of all Khayru'llah's attempts to mislead those whom he had earlier helped to embrace the Faith, he did not succeed in bringing about a schism in the community. As in Persia, the believers remained loyal to the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh, and thereafter refused to associate with their teacher. This can be credited to a great extent to the arrival in the United States of the celebrated Bahá'í scholar Mirza Abu'l-Fadl in 1901. The visit of this eminent teacher, which was undertaken at the behest of Abdu'l-Bahá, lasted for about two years. During this period, Mirza Abu'l-Fadl dedicated himself fully to the task of deepening the believers in verities of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh. He spent many hours, day and night, discussing various aspects of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, its history, its teachings, its laws and its Covenant, which he pointed out was the guarantor of the unity of the Community. In the course of these discussions he was able to clarify those subjects which had hitherto been obscure to the American Baha'is. In this he was assisted by Ali-Kuli Khan, who acted as his interpreter. Thus, as a result of Mirza Abu'l-Fadl's teaching work, the believers in America became filled with the spirit of faith and vitality, and many among them were transformed into spiritual giants of this Dispensation.
Khayru'llah, who craved power and continued to struggle to become the leader of the Bahá'í community in the West, was being continually urged by the Arch-breaker of the Covenant to foment discord and contention among the believers, and the efforts of
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prominent Bahá'í teachers to purify his heart and mind from the poison of Covenant-breaking failed. Abdu'l-Bahá expelled him from the community and commented that as a result of his violation of the Covenant he would be reckoned as dead, and that soon the repugnant odour of his deeds would repel people everywhere. In 1917 Khayru'llah wrote a letter to Professor Edward Browne of Cambridge which is indicative of his despair:
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On the other hand, as the years went by, the Message of Bahá'u'lláh spread throughout the United States and Canada. It reached the continent of Europe, where a nucleus of Bahá'í communities was established in several countries including Britain, France and Germany. When Abdu'l-Bahá was freed from His forty-year confinement He travelled to the West and openly proclaimed the Message of Bahá'u'lláh to the people of Europe and America. So powerful was the influence He exerted on the hearts of the people that great numbers flocked to churches and public halls to gaze upon His countenance and hear Him speak. The believers in the West who came into contact with the person of Abdu'l-Bahá were transformed spiritually and magnetized by His all-encompassing love. Abdu'l-Bahá laid such a solid foundation, specially in North America, that a few years later He conferred upon that community a measure of primacy in the execution of His Tablets of the Divine Plan.[1]
[1 A series of fourteen Tablets addressed to American believers, which constitute a charter for the teaching work throughout the world.]
Shoghi Effendi describes the significance of Abdu'l-Bahá'í travels to the West and the power of the Covenant in these words:
"Abdu'l-Bahá'í historic journeys to the West, and in particular His eight-month tour of the United States of America, may be said to have marked the culmination of His ministry, a ministry whose untold blessings and stupendous achievements only future generations can adequately estimate. As the day-star of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation had shone forth in its meridian splendour at the hour of the proclamation of His Message to the rulers of the earth in the city of Adrianople, so did the Orb of His Covenant mount its zenith and shed its brightest rays when
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> Abdu'l-Bahá conferred upon His first grandchild the name 'Shoghi (one who longs), but commanded everyone to add the title 'Effendi'[1] after his name. He even told the father of Shoghi Effendi not to call him merely 'Shoghi'. The Master Himself called him Shoghi Effendi when he was only a child, and wrote this prayer which reveals His cherished hopes for the future of His first grandchild.
> [1 'Effendi' is a title which is given to people as a term of respect.]
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> "...O God! This is a branch sprung from the tree of Thy mercy. Through Thy grace and bounty enable him to grow and through the showers of Thy generosity cause him to become a verdant, flourishing, blossoming and fruitful branch. Gladden the eyes of his parents, Thou Who giveth to whomsoever Thou willest, and bestow upon him the name Shoghi so that he may yearn for Thy Kingdom and soar into the realms of the unseen!"

After I left the Baha'i Faith, I figured out that because of the way he had been brought up to think himself superior to others, Shoghi Effendi suffered from a lifelong form of megalomania. It would eventually destroy his relationships with his relatives.

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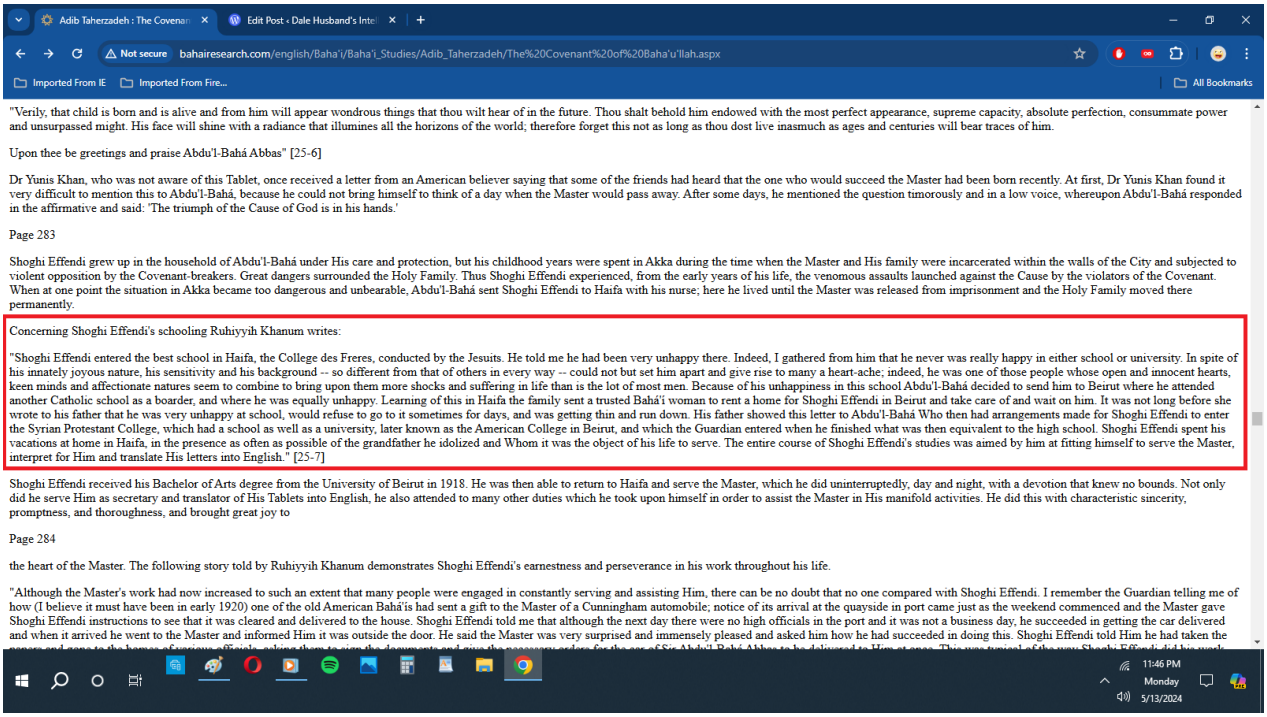

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CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE
Shoghi Effendi, Guardian of the Faith
Shoghi Effendi was born on 1 March 1897 into the household of Abdu'l-Bahá in the prison city of Akka. He was a descendant of both Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb. His mother Diya'iyyih Khanum was the eldest daughter of Abdu'l-Bahá. His father Mirza Hadi Shirazi was an Afnan, a grandson of Haji Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, who was a cousin of the mother of the Báb and a brother of His wife. Thus Abdu'l-Bahá describes Shoghi Effendi as 'the most wondrous, unique and priceless pearl that doth gleam from out the twin surging seas ... the blest and sacred bough that hath branched out from the twin holy Trees." [25-1]
Knowing full well the glorious mission which the Almighty had destined for His first grandson, Abdu'l-Bahá extended to him from the time he was born a special measure of care and love, and kept him under the wings of His protection. A few of those who had been admitted to the presence of Bahá'u'lláh and who were endowed with spiritual insight observed that the same relationship which existed between Bahá'u'lláh and Abdu'l-Bahá[1] was also apparent between Abdu'l-Bahá and Shoghi Effendi. That deep sense of humility and utter nothingness which Abdu'l-Bahá manifested toward His Father and which was reciprocated by Him through an outpouring of bounty and love, was likewise established between the young grandchild and his beloved Master. But in order to avoid creating jealousy in the family, Abdu'l-Bahá was cautious of openly showing the intensity of His love for Shoghi Effendi. In spite of this, those believers who were endowed with discernment had noticed this special relationship and had no doubt that the reins of the Cause of God would one day be placed in the hands of Shoghi Effendi.
[1 See above, ch. 9.]
Haji Mirza Haydar-'Ali and Dr Yunis Khan were among these enlightened believers. The famous poet and devoted promoter of the Cause Andalib saw signs of his future glory as Shoghi Effendi lay in his cradle, and he composed a most delightful lullaby, a song of praise and victory for him. Abdu'l-Bahá conferred upon His first
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From his early childhood, Shoghi Effendi developed a passionate love for Abdu'l-Bahá. Their relationship was unlike that between any other child and his grandfather; it was a spiritual force, a heavenly power which linked Shoghi Effendi with his beloved Master. It was this degree of attachment and humble devotion which was reminiscent of Abdu'l-Bahá'í own attitude toward Bahá'u'lláh. Mrs Ella Goodall Cooper, one of the distinguished believers of the West who attained the presence of Abdu'l-Bahá in Akka in 1899, has recounted her impressions of Shoghi Effendi as a child when he came into a room to pay his respects to the Master. This took place in the house of Abdu'llah Pasha.
"One day ... I had joined the ladies of the Family in the room of the Greatest Holy Leaf for early morning tea, the beloved Master was sitting in His favourite corner of the divan where, through the window on His right, He could look over the ramparts and see the blue Mediterranean beyond. He was busy writing Tablets, and the quiet peace of the room was broken only by the bubble of the samovar, where one of the young maidservants, sitting on the floor before it, was brewing the tea.
"Presently the Master looked up from His writing with a smile, and requested Ziyyih Khanum to chant a prayer. As she finished, a small figure appeared in the open doorway, directly opposite Abdu'l-Bahá. Having dropped off his shoes he stepped into the room, with his eyes focused on the Master's face. Abdu'l-Bahá returned his gaze with such a look of loving welcome it seemed to beckon the small one to approach Him. Shoghi, that beautiful little boy, with his exquisite cameo face and his soulful appealing, dark eyes, walked slowly toward the divan, the Master drawing him as by an invisible thread, until he stood quite close in front of Him. As he paused there a moment Abdu'l-Bahá did not offer to embrace him but
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> Concerning Shoghi Effendi's schooling Ruhiyyih Khanum writes:
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> "Shoghi Effendi entered the best school in Haifa, the College des Freres, conducted by the Jesuits. He told me he had been very unhappy there. Indeed, I gathered from him that he never was really happy in either school or university. In spite of his innately joyous nature, his sensitivity and his background — so different from that of others in every way — could not but set him apart and give rise to many a heart-ache; indeed, he was one of those people whose open and innocent hearts, keen minds and affectionate natures seem to combine to bring upon them more shocks and suffering in life than is the lot of most men. Because of his unhappiness in this school Abdu'l-Bahá decided to send him to Beirut where he attended another Catholic school as a boarder, and where he was equally unhappy. Learning of this in Haifa the family sent a trusted Bahá'í woman to rent a home for Shoghi Effendi in Beirut and take care of and wait on him. It was not long before she wrote to his father that he was very unhappy at school, would refuse to go to it sometimes for days, and was getting thin and run down. His father showed this letter to Abdu'l-Bahá Who then had arrangements made for Shoghi Effendi to enter the Syrian Protestant College, which had a school as well as a university, later known as the American College in Beirut, and which the Guardian entered when he finished what was then equivalent to the high school. Shoghi Effendi spent his vacations at home in Haifa, in the presence as often as possible of the grandfather he idolized and Whom it was the object of his life to serve. The entire course of Shoghi Effendi's studies was aimed by him at fitting himself to serve the Master, interpret for Him and translate His letters into English."

It is possible that he was unhappy in those schools because the non-Baha'i children in them did not bow down to and serve him like Baha'is did.

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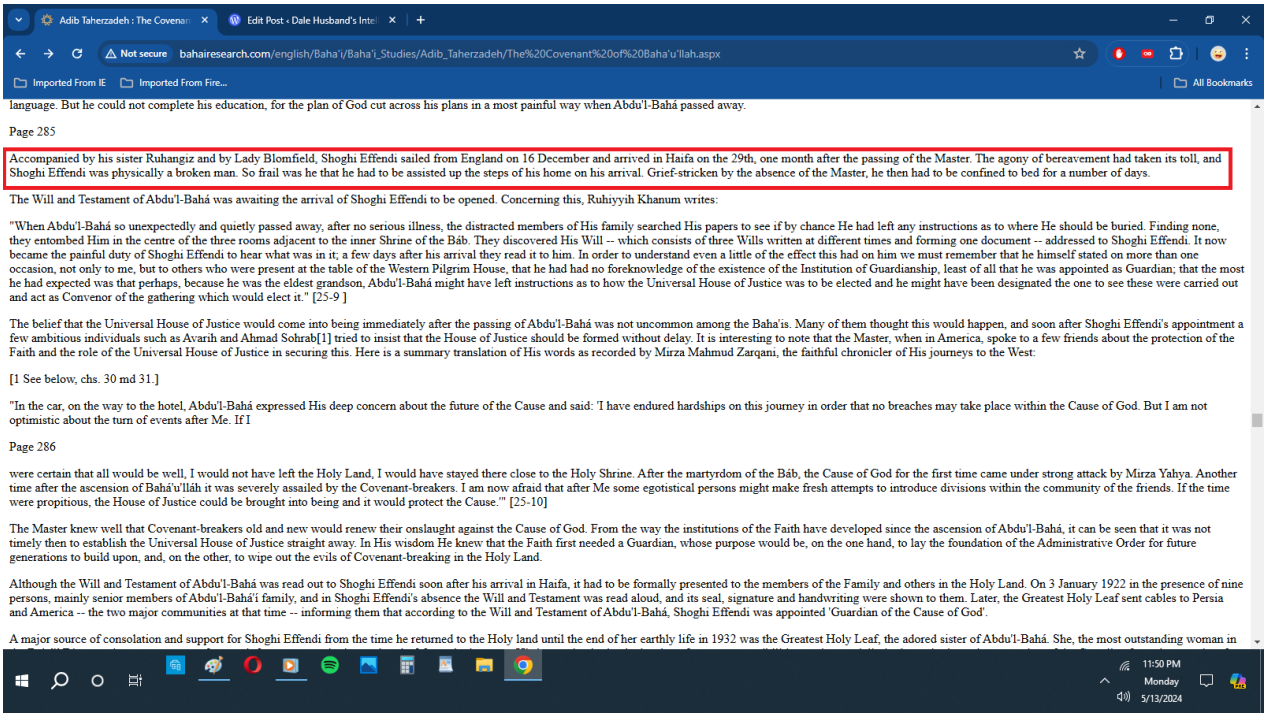

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"Verily, that child is born and is alive and from him will appear wondrous things that thou wilt hear of in the future. Thou shalt behold him endowed with the most perfect appearance, supreme capacity, absolute perfection, consummate power and unsurpassed might. His face will shine with a radiance that illumines all the horizons of the world; therefore forget this not as long as thou dost live inasmuch as ages and centuries will bear traces of him.
Upon thee be greetings and praise Abdu'l-Bahá Abbas" [25-6]
Dr Yunis Khan, who was not aware of this Tablet, once received a letter from an American believer saying that some of the friends had heard that the one who would succeed the Master had been born recently. At first, Dr Yunis Khan found it very difficult to mention this to Abdu'l-Bahá, because he could not bring himself to think of a day when the Master would pass away. After some days, he mentioned the question timorously and in a low voice, whereupon Abdu'l-Bahá responded in the affirmative and said: 'The triumph of the Cause of God is in his hands.'
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Shoghi Effendi grew up in the household of Abdu'l-Bahá under His care and protection, but his childhood years were spent in Akka during the time when the Master and His family were incarcerated within the walls of the City and subjected to violent opposition by the Covenant-breakers. Great dangers surrounded the Holy Family. Thus Shoghi Effendi experienced, from the early years of his life, the venomous assaults launched against the Cause by the violators of the Covenant. When at one point the situation in Akka became too dangerous and unbearable, Abdu'l-Bahá sent Shoghi Effendi to Haifa with his nurse; here he lived until the Master was released from imprisonment and the Holy Family moved there permanently.
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"Shoghi Effendi entered the best school in Haifa, the College des Freres, conducted by the Jesuits. He told me he had been very unhappy there. Indeed, I gathered from him that he never was really happy in either school or university. In spite of his innately joyous nature, his sensitivity and his background -- so different from that of others in every way -- could not but set him apart and give rise to many a heart-ache; indeed, he was one of those people whose open and innocent hearts, keen minds and affectionate natures seem to combine to bring upon them more shocks and suffering in life than is the lot of most men. Because of his unhappiness in this school Abdu'l-Bahá decided to send him to Beirut where he attended another Catholic school as a boarder, and where he was equally unhappy. Learning of this in Haifa the family sent a trusted Bahá'í woman to rent a home for Shoghi Effendi in Beirut and take care of and wait on him. It was not long before she wrote to his father that he was very unhappy at school, would refuse to go to it sometimes for days, and was getting thin and run down. His father showed this letter to Abdu'l-Bahá Who then had arrangements made for Shoghi Effendi to enter the Syrian Protestant College, which had a school as well as a university, later known as the American College in Beirut, and which the Guardian entered when he finished what was then equivalent to the high school. Shoghi Effendi spent his vacations at home in Haifa, in the presence as often as possible of the grandfather he idolized and Whom it was the object of his life to serve. The entire course of Shoghi Effendi's studies was aimed by him at fitting himself to serve the Master, interpret for Him and translate His letters into English." [25-7]
Shoghi Effendi received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Beirut in 1918. He was then able to return to Haifa and serve the Master, which he did uninterruptedly, day and night, with a devotion that knew no bounds. Not only did he serve Him as secretary and translator of His Tablets into English, he also attended to many other duties which he took upon himself in order to assist the Master in His manifold activities. He did this with characteristic sincerity, promptness, and thoroughness, and brought great joy to
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the heart of the Master. The following story told by Ruhiyyih Khanum demonstrates Shoghi Effendi's earnestness and perseverance in his work throughout his life.
"Although the Master's work had now increased to such an extent that many people were engaged in constantly serving and assisting Him, there can be no doubt that no one compared with Shoghi Effendi. I remember the Guardian telling me of how (I believe it must have been in early 1920) one of the old American Bahá'ís had sent a gift to the Master of a Cunningham automobile; notice of its arrival at the quayside in port came just as the weekend commenced and the Master gave Shoghi Effendi instructions to see that it was cleared and delivered to the house. Shoghi Effendi told me that although the next day there were no high officials in the port and it was not a business day, he succeeded in getting the car delivered and when it arrived he went to the Master and informed Him it was outside the door. He said the Master was very surprised and immensely pleased and asked him how he had succeeded in doing this. Shoghi Effendi told Him he had taken the
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These seem like massive exaggerations to make Shoghi Effendi look extremely devoted to his grandfather, but they also make him look weak. And weakness in leadership is never a good thing.

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The Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Bahá was awaiting the arrival of Shoghi Effendi to be opened. Concerning this, Ruhiyyih Khanum writes:

"When Abdu'l-Bahá so unexpectedly and quietly passed away, after no serious illness, the distracted members of His family searched His papers to see if by chance He had left any instructions as to where He should be buried. Finding none, they entombed Him in the centre of the three rooms adjacent to the inner Shrine of the Báb. They discovered His Will -- which consists of three Wills written at different times and forming one document -- addressed to Shoghi Effendi. It now became the painful duty of Shoghi Effendi to hear what was in it; a few days after his arrival they read it to him. In order to understand even a little of the effect this had on him we must remember that he himself stated on more than one occasion, not only to me, but to others who were present at the table of the Western Pilgrim House, that he had had no foreknowledge of the existence of the Institution of Guardianship, least of all that he was appointed as Guardian; that the most he had expected was that perhaps, because he was the eldest grandson, Abdu'l-Bahá might have left instructions as to how the Universal House of Justice was to be elected and he might have been designated the one to see these were carried out and act as Convenor of the gathering which would elect it." [25-9]

The belief that the Universal House of Justice would come into being immediately after the passing of Abdu'l-Bahá was not uncommon among the Baha'is. Many of them thought this would happen, and soon after Shoghi Effendi's appointment a few ambitious individuals such as Avarih and Ahmad Sohrab[1] tried to insist that the House of Justice should be formed without delay. It is interesting to note that the Master, when in America, spoke to a few friends about the protection of the Faith and the role of the Universal House of Justice in securing this. Here is a summary translation of His words as recorded by Mirza Mahmud Zarqani, the faithful chronicler of His journeys to the West:

[1 See below, chs. 30 md 31.]

"In the car, on the way to the hotel, Abdu'l-Bahá expressed His deep concern about the future of the Cause and said: 'I have endured hardships on this journey in order that no breaches may take place within the Cause of God. But I am not optimistic about the turn of events after Me. If I

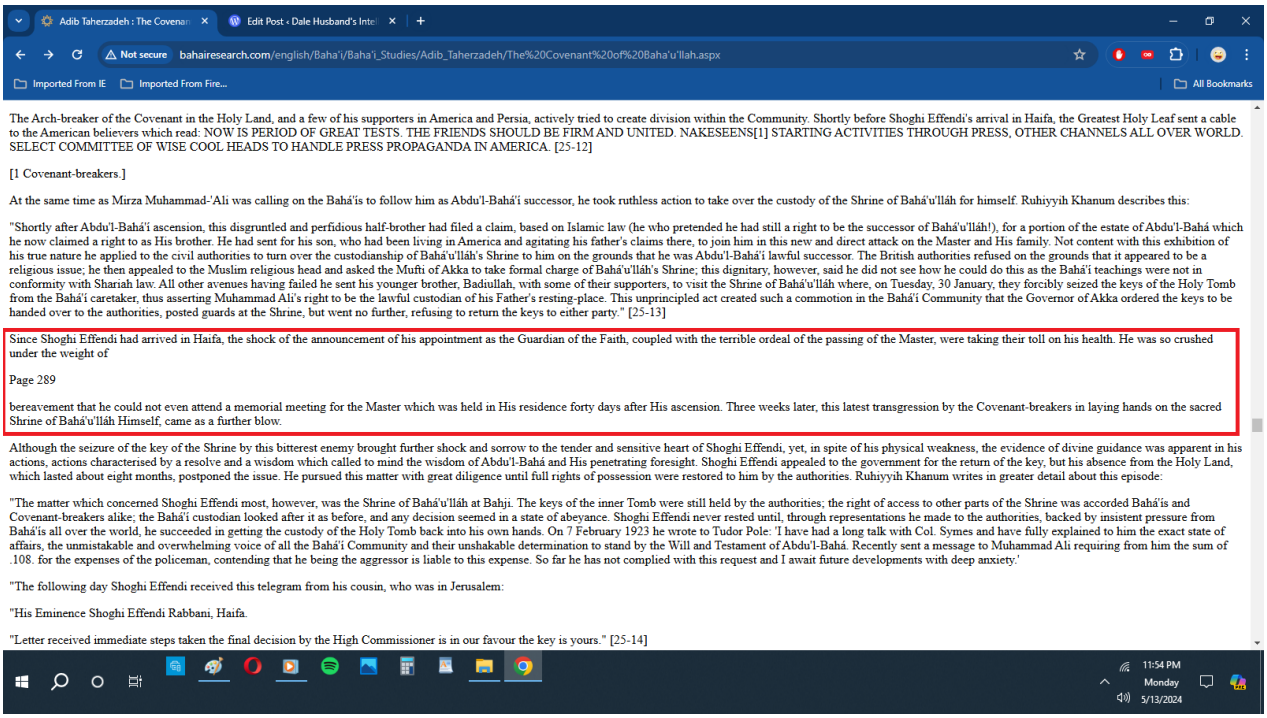
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were certain that all would be well, I would not have left the Holy Land, I would have stayed there close to the Holy Shrine. After the martyrdom of the Báb, the Cause of God for the first time came under strong attack by Mirza Yahya. Another time after the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh it was severely assailed by the Covenant-breakers. I am now afraid that after Me some egotistical persons might make fresh attempts to introduce divisions within the community of the friends. If the time were propitious, the House of Justice could be brought into being and it would protect the Cause.'" [25-10]

The Master knew well that Covenant-breakers old and new would renew their onslaught against the Cause of God. From the way the institutions of the Faith have developed since the ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá, it can be seen that it was not timely then to establish the Universal House of Justice straight away. In His wisdom He knew that the Faith first needed a Guardian, whose purpose would be, on the one hand, to lay the foundation of the Administrative Order for future generations to build upon, and, on the other, to wipe out the evils of Covenant-breaking in the Holy Land.

Although the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Bahá was read out to Shoghi Effendi soon after his arrival in Haifa, it had to be formally presented to the members of the Family and others in the Holy Land. On 3 January 1922 in the presence of nine persons, mainly senior members of Abdu'l-Bahá'í family, and in Shoghi Effendi's absence the Will and Testament was read aloud, and its seal, signature and handwriting were shown to them. Later, the Greatest Holy Leaf sent cables to Persia and America -- the two major communities at that time -- informing them that according to the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Bahá, Shoghi Effendi was appointed 'Guardian of the Cause of God'.

A major source of consolation and support for Shoghi Effendi from the time he returned to the Holy land until the end of her earthly life in 1932 was the Greatest Holy Leaf, the adored sister of Abdu'l-Bahá. She, the most outstanding woman in



The Arch-breaker of the Covenant in the Holy Land, and a few of his supporters in America and Persia, actively tried to create division within the Community. Shortly before Shoghi Effendi's arrival in Haifa, the Greatest Holy Leaf sent a cable to the American believers which read: NOW IS PERIOD OF GREAT TESTS. THE FRIENDS SHOULD BE FIRM AND UNITED. NAKESEENS[1] STARTING ACTIVITIES THROUGH PRESS, OTHER CHANNELS ALL OVER WORLD. SELECT COMMITTEE OF WISE COOL HEADS TO HANDLE PRESS PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA. [25-12]

[1 Covenant-breakers.]

At the same time as Mirza Muhammad-'Ali was calling on the Bahá'ís to follow him as Abdu'l-Bahá'í successor, he took ruthless action to take over the custody of the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh for himself. Ruhiyyih Khanum describes this:

"Shortly after Abdu'l-Bahá'í ascension, this disgruntled and perfidious half-brother had filed a claim, based on Islamic law (he who pretended he had still a right to be the successor of Bahá'u'lláh!), for a portion of the estate of Abdu'l-Bahá which he now claimed a right to as His brother. He had sent for his son, who had been living in America and agitating his father's claims there, to join him in this new and direct attack on the Master and His family. Not content with this exhibition of his true nature he applied to the civil authorities to turn over the custodianship of Bahá'u'lláh's Shrine to him on the grounds that he was Abdu'l-Bahá'í lawful successor. The British authorities refused on the grounds that it appeared to be a religious issue; he then appealed to the Muslim religious head and asked the Mufti of Akka to take formal charge of Bahá'u'lláh's Shrine; this dignitary, however, said he did not see how he could do this as the Bahá'í teachings were not in conformity with Shariah law. All other avenues having failed he sent his younger brother, Badiullah, with some of their supporters, to visit the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh where, on Tuesday, 30 January, they forcibly seized the keys of the Holy Tomb from the Bahá'í caretaker, thus asserting Muhammad Ali's right to be the lawful custodian of his Father's resting-place. This unprincipled act created such a commotion in the Bahá'í Community that the Governor of Akka ordered the keys to be handed over to the authorities, posted guards at the Shrine, but went no further, refusing to return the keys to either party." [25-13]

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Although the seizure of the key of the Shrine by this bitterest enemy brought further shock and sorrow to the tender and sensitive heart of Shoghi Effendi, yet, in spite of his physical weakness, the evidence of divine guidance was apparent in his actions, actions characterised by a resolve and a wisdom which called to mind the wisdom of Abdu'l-Bahá and His penetrating foresight. Shoghi Effendi appealed to the government for the return of the key, but his absence from the Holy Land, which lasted about eight months, postponed the issue. He pursued this matter with great diligence until full rights of possession were restored to him by the authorities. Ruhiyyih Khanum writes in greater detail about this episode:

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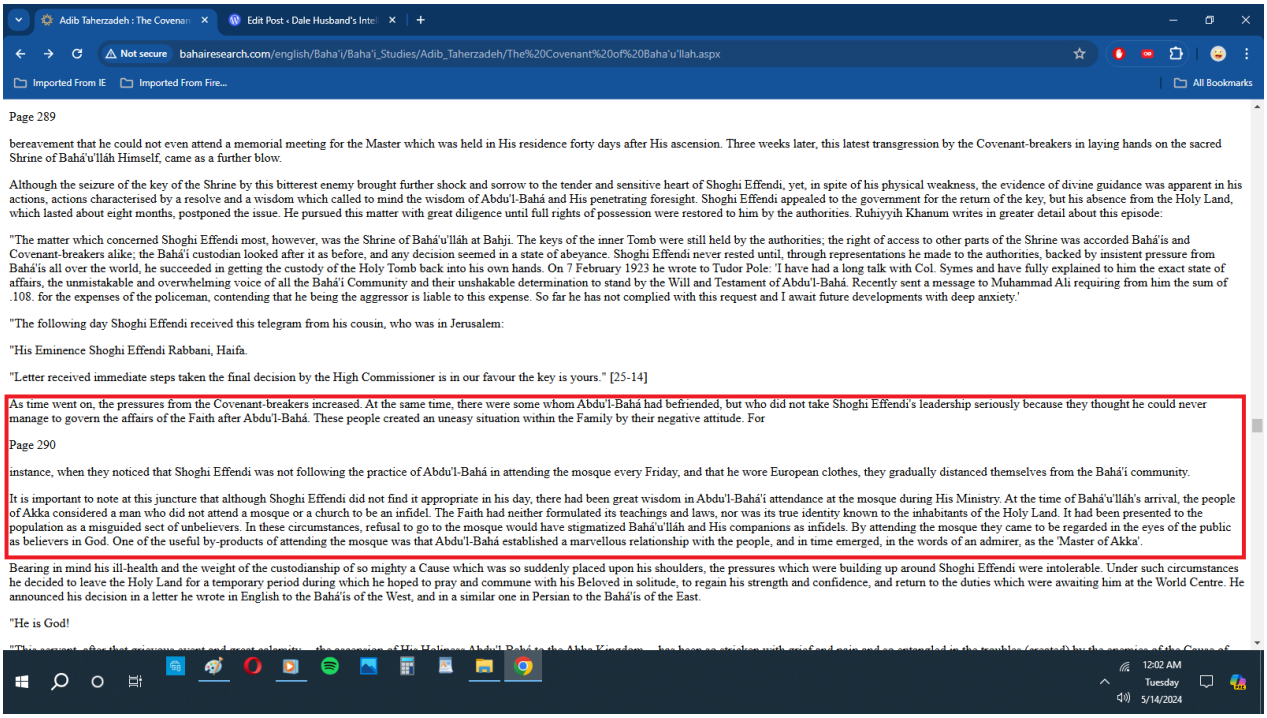
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Reason: Abdu'l-Baha presented the Baha'i Faith as a form of Islam to the people in Palestine, which is why he attended the mosque. It was Shoghi Effendi who openly declared it an independent religion. Shoghi's critics must have thought he had betrayed his grandfather's legacy.

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Bearing in mind his ill-health and the weight of the custodianship of so mighty a Cause which was so suddenly placed upon his shoulders, the pressures which were building up around Shoghi Effendi were intolerable. Under such circumstances he decided to leave the Holy Land for a temporary period during which he hoped to pray and commune with his Beloved in solitude, to regain his strength and confidence, and return to the duties which were awaiting him at the World Centre. He announced his decision in a letter he wrote in English to the Bahá'ís of the West, and in a similar one in Persian to the Bahá'ís of the East.

"He is God!

And yet less than a century later, the Universal House of Justice would teach this:

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> ".it was permissible in Shi'ih Islam for believers to deny their faith in order to escape persecution. since the time of Bahá'u'lláh such an action has been forbidden for Bahá'ís. We do not defend our Faith by the sword, as was permissible in Islam, but Bahá'ís have always held to the principle that when challenged they should `stand up and be counted', as the modern expression is, and not purchase their safety by denying that which is most important to them in this world and the next. The principle is well known to the Iranian Bahá'ís and is upheld by the overwhelming majority of them when the penalty is martyrdom.

Can you spell H-Y-P-O-C-R-I-S-Y again?

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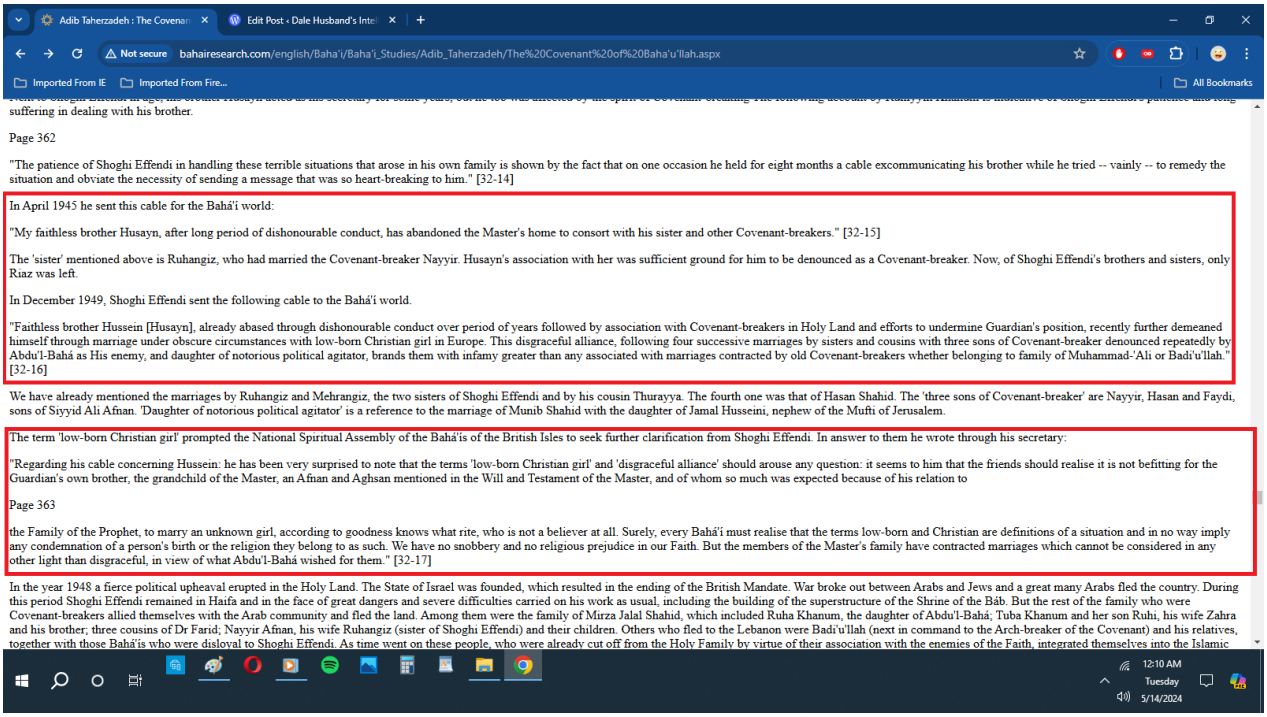
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Remember what I said about the "Guardian" having megalomania? Apparently that included outright bigotry against non-Baha'is, even if they married into his extended family! That last paragraph is an example of "damage control" in which an effort is made to compensate for an embarrassing statement or action made earlier. Only dishonest people need to do that!

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"The patience of Shoghi Effendi in handling these terrible situations that arose in his own family is shown by the fact that on one occasion he held for eight months a cable excommunicating his brother while he tried -- vainly -- to remedy the situation and obviate the necessity of sending a message that was so heart-breaking to him." [32-14]
In April 1945 he sent this cable for the Bahá'í world:
"My faithless brother Husayn, after long period of dishonourable conduct, has abandoned the Master's home to consort with his sister and other Covenant-breakers." [32-15]
The 'sister' mentioned above is Ruhangiz, who had married the Covenant-breaker Nayyir. Husayn's association with her was sufficient ground for him to be denounced as a Covenant-breaker. Now, of Shoghi Effendi's brothers and sisters, only Riaz was left.
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We have already mentioned the marriages by Ruhangiz and Mehrangiz, the two sisters of Shoghi Effendi and by his cousin Thurayya. The fourth one was that of Hasan Shahid. The 'three sons of Covenant-breaker' are Nayyir, Hasan and Faydi, sons of Siyyid Ali Afnan. 'Daughter of notorious political agitator' is a reference to the marriage of Munib Shahid with the daughter of Jamal Husseini, nephew of the Mufti of Jerusalem.
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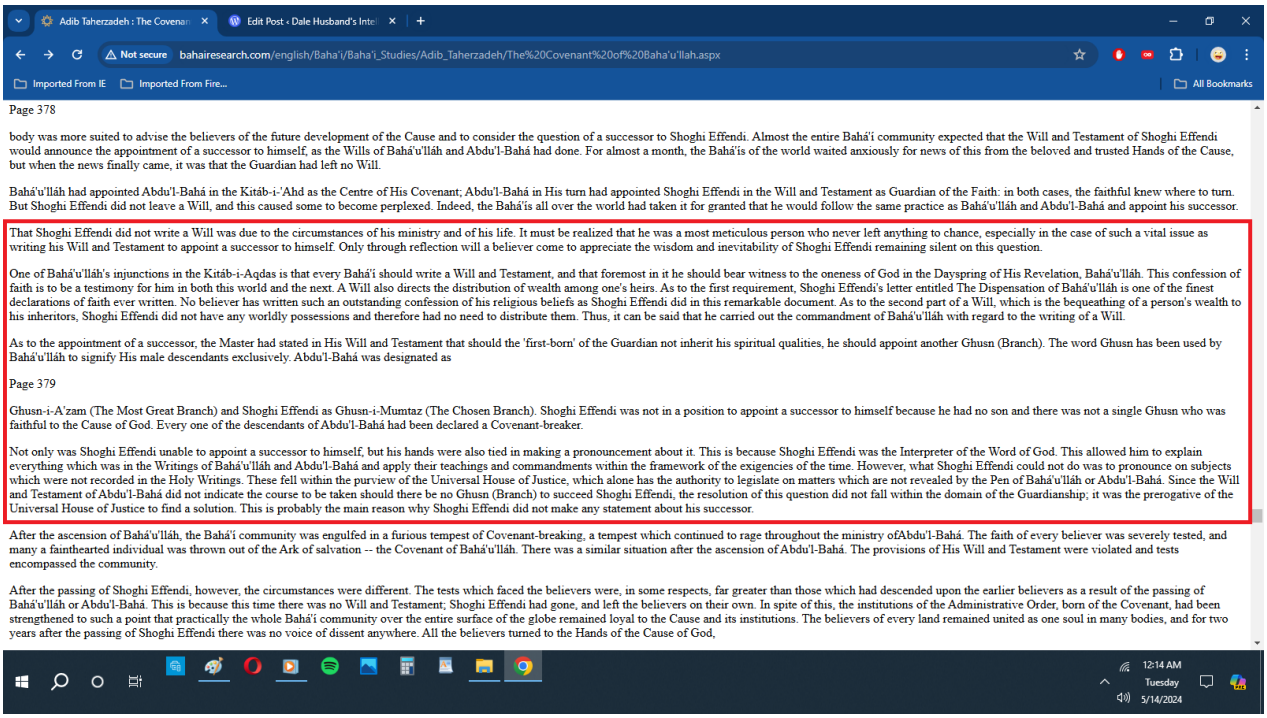
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After the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh, the Bahá'í community was engulfed in a furious tempest of Covenant-breaking, a tempest which continued to rage throughout the ministry ofAbdu'l-Bahá. The faith of every believer was severely tested, and many a fainthearted individual was thrown out of the Ark of salvation -- the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh. There was a similar situation after the ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá. The provisions of His Will and Testament were violated and tests encompassed the community.
After the passing of Shoghi Effendi, however, the circumstances were different. The tests which faced the believers were, in some respects, far greater than those which had descended upon the earlier believers as a result of the passing of Bahá'u'lláh or Abdu'l-Bahá. This is because this time there was no Will and Testament; Shoghi Effendi had gone, and left the believers on their own. In spite of this, the institutions of the Administrative Order, born of the Covenant, had been strengthened to such a point that practically the whole Bahá'í community over the entire surface of the globe remained loyal to the Cause and its institutions. The believers of every land remained united as one soul in many bodies, and for two years after the passing of Shoghi Effendi there was no voice of dissent anywhere. All the believers turned to the Hands of the Cause of God,
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Nope! Baha'u'llah allowed NO exceptions. He said in the Kitab-i-Aqdas:

Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will.

Likewise, Abdul-Baha, in the very Will and Testament by which he appointed Shoghi Effendi to the Guardianship, stated:

"It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God,

> knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:—"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him."(Abd'ul-Baha. Will and Testament, p. 12.)

No ifs, ands or buts about it. Shoghi Effendi failed to obey his grandfather and great-grandfather.....and.....

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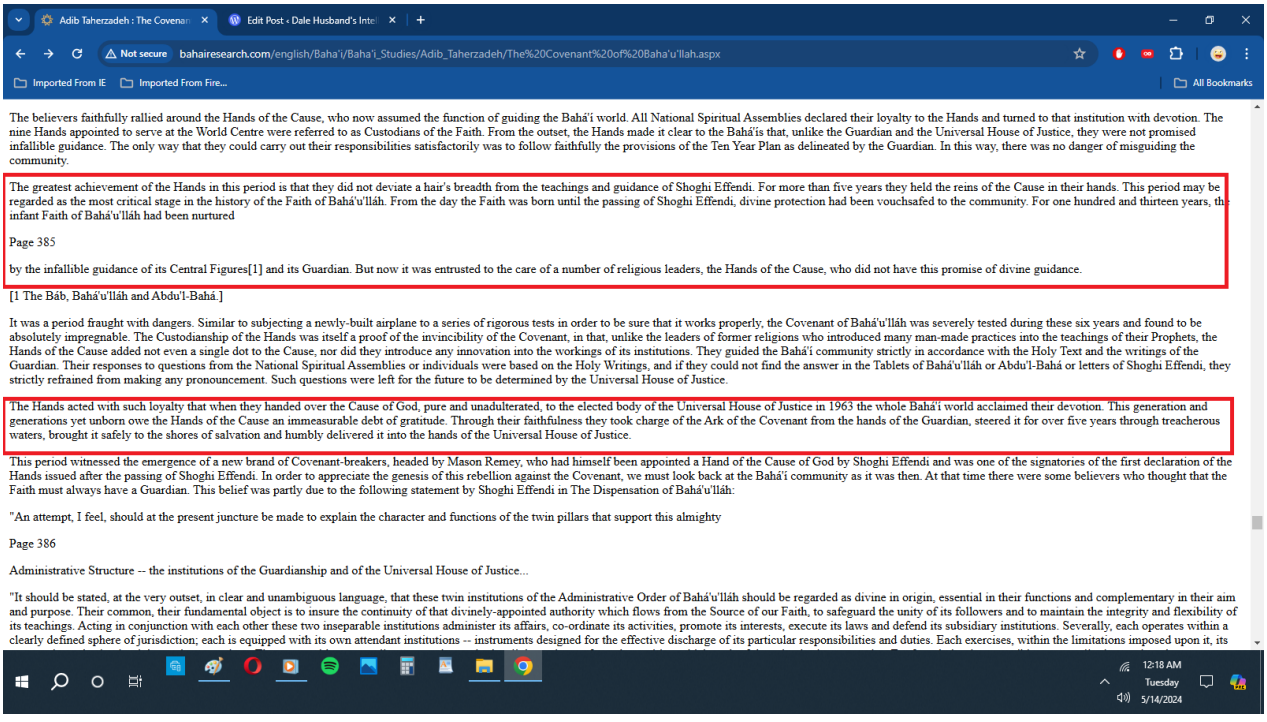
Which discredits Abdu'l-Baha himself, really!

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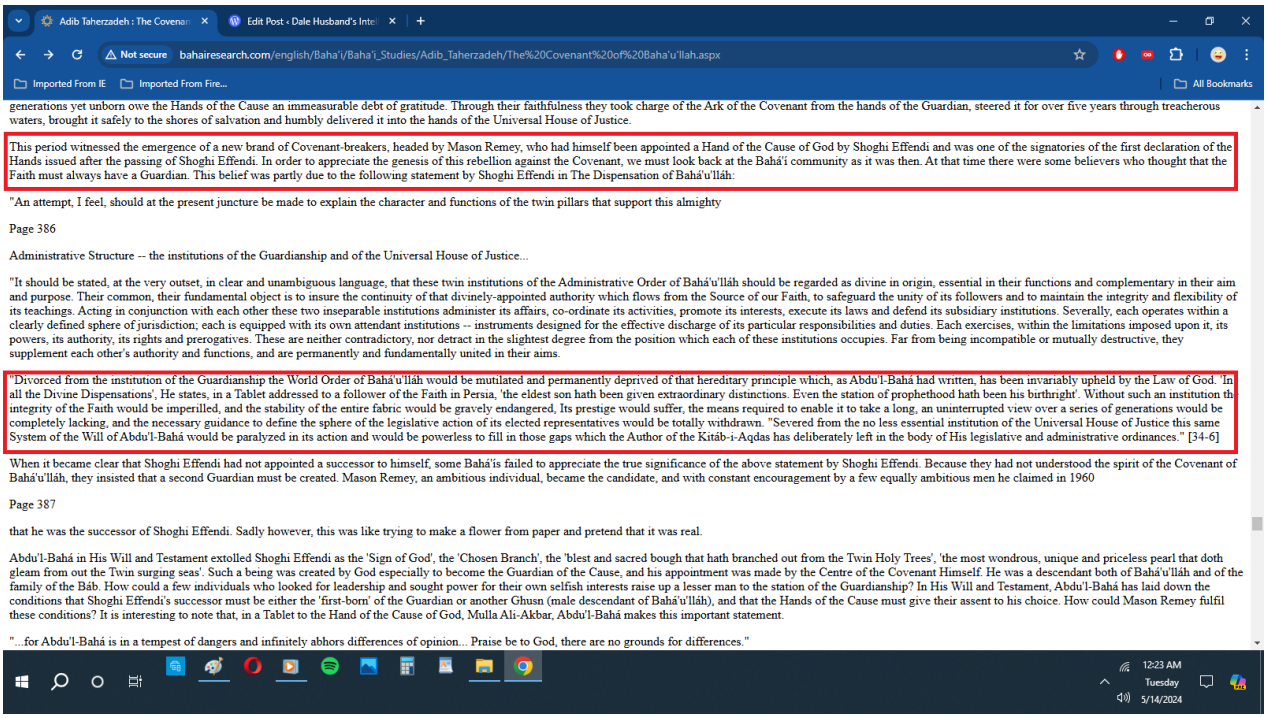
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The believers faithfully rallied around the Hands of the Cause, who now assumed the function of guiding the Bahá'í world. All National Spiritual Assemblies declared their loyalty to the Hands and turned to that institution with devotion. The nine Hands appointed to serve at the World Centre were referred to as Custodians of the Faith. From the outset, the Hands made it clear to the Bahá'ís that, unlike the Guardian and the Universal House of Justice, they were not promised infallible guidance. The only way that they could carry out their responsibilities satisfactorily was to follow faithfully the provisions of the Ten Year Plan as delineated by the Guardian. In this way, there was no danger of misguiding the community.
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It was a period fraught with dangers. Similar to subjecting a newly-built airplane to a series of rigorous tests in order to be sure that it works properly, the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh was severely tested during these six years and found to be absolutely impregnable. The Custodianship of the Hands was itself a proof of the invincibility of the Covenant, in that, unlike the leaders of former religions who introduced many man-made practices into the teachings of their Prophets, the Hands of the Cause added not even a single dot to the Cause, nor did they introduce any innovation into the workings of its institutions. They guided the Bahá'í community strictly in accordance with the Holy Text and the writings of the Guardian. Their responses to questions from the National Spiritual Assemblies or individuals were based on the Holy Writings, and if they could not find the answer in the Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh or Abdu'l-Bahá or letters of Shoghi Effendi, they strictly refrained from making any pronouncement. Such questions were left for the future to be determined by the Universal House of Justice.
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When it became clear that Shoghi Effendi had not appointed a successor to himself, some Bahá'ís failed to appreciate the true significance of the above statement by Shoghi Effendi. Because they had not understood the spirit of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh, they insisted that a second Guardian must be created. Mason Remey, an ambitious individual, became the candidate, and with constant encouragement by a few equally ambitious men he claimed in 1960
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that he was the successor of Shoghi Effendi. Sadly however, this was like trying to make a flower from paper and pretend that it was real.
Abdu'l-Bahá in His Will and Testament extolled Shoghi Effendi as the 'Sign of God', the 'Chosen Branch', the 'blest and sacred bough that hath branched out from the Twin Holy Trees', 'the most wondrous, unique and priceless pearl that doth gleam from out the Twin surging seas'. Such a being was created by God especially to become the Guardian of the Cause, and his appointment was made by the Centre of the Covenant Himself. He was a descendant both of Bahá'u'lláh and of the family of the Báb. How could a few individuals who looked for leadership and sought power for their own selfish interests raise up a lesser man to the station of the Guardianship? In His Will and Testament, Abdu'l-Bahá has laid down the conditions that Shoghi Effendi's successor must be either the 'first-born' of the Guardian or another Ghusn (male descendant of Bahá'u'lláh), and that the Hands of the Cause must give their assent to his choice. How could Mason Remey fulfil these conditions? It is interesting to note that, in a Tablet to the Hand of the Cause of God, Mulla Ali-Akbar, Abdu'l-Bahá makes this important statement.
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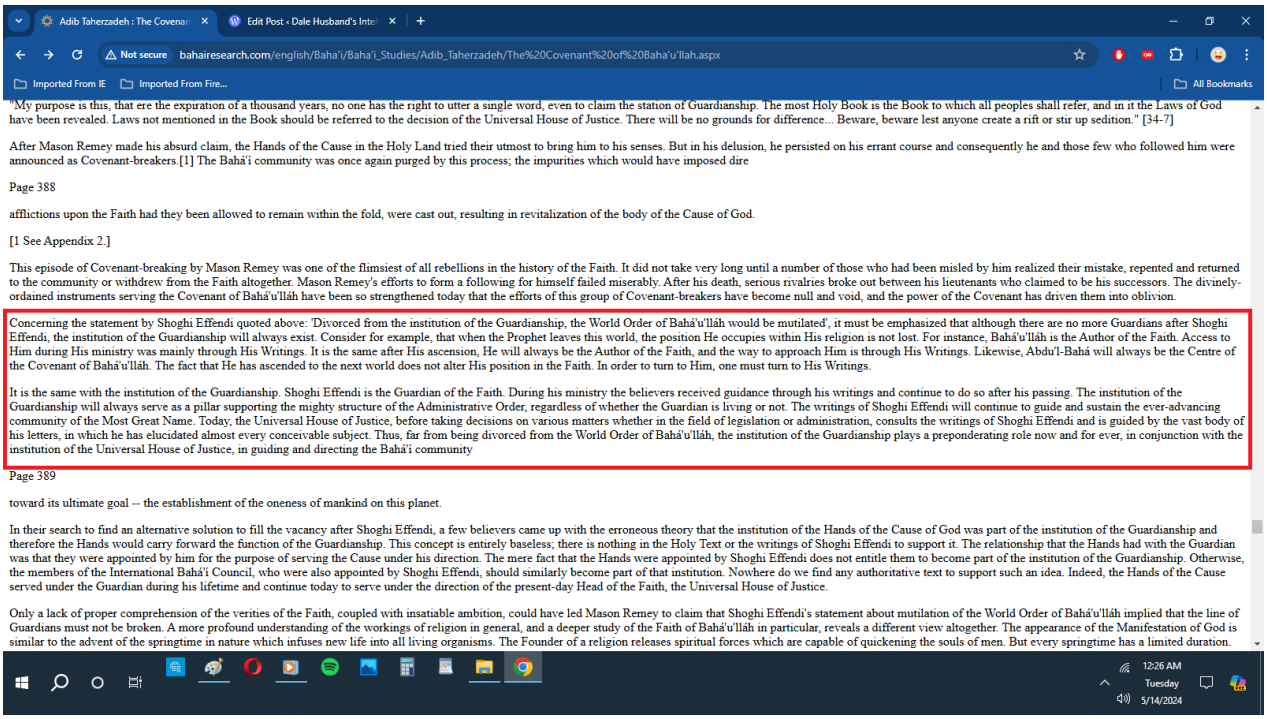
Yes, in plain language, the idea that the Baha'i Faith must always have a Guardian is exactly what one would assume from reading that direct quote from Shoghi Effendi! So what is Adib Taherzadeh's explanation?

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"My purpose is this, that ere the expiration of a thousand years, no one has the right to utter a single word, even to claim the station of Guardianship. The most Holy Book is the Book to which all peoples shall refer, and in it the Laws of God have been revealed. Laws not mentioned in the Book should be referred to the decision of the Universal House of Justice. There will be no grounds for difference... Beware, beware lest anyone create a rift or stir up sedition." [34-7]

After Mason Remey made his absurd claim, the Hands of the Cause in the Holy Land tried their utmost to bring him to his senses. But in his delusion, he persisted on his errant course and consequently he and those few who followed him were announced as Covenant-breakers.[1] The Bahá'í community was once again purged by this process; the impurities which would have imposed dire

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afflictions upon the Faith had they been allowed to remain within the fold, were cast out, resulting in revitalization of the body of the Cause of God.

[1 See Appendix 2.]

This episode of Covenant-breaking by Mason Remey was one of the flimsiest of all rebellions in the history of the Faith. It did not take very long until a number of those who had been misled by him realized their mistake, repented and returned to the community or withdrew from the Faith altogether. Mason Remey's efforts to form a following for himself failed miserably. After his death, serious rivalries broke out between his lieutenants who claimed to be his successors. The divinely-ordained instruments serving the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh have been so strengthened today that the efforts of this group of Covenant-breakers have become null and void, and the power of the Covenant has driven them into oblivion.

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toward its ultimate goal -- the establishment of the oneness of mankind on this planet.

In their search to find an alternative solution to fill the vacancy after Shoghi Effendi, a few believers came up with the erroneous theory that the institution of the Hands of the Cause of God was part of the institution of the Guardianship and therefore the Hands would carry forward the function of the Guardianship. This concept is entirely baseless; there is nothing in the Holy Text or the writings of Shoghi Effendi to support it. The relationship that the Hands had with the Guardian was that they were appointed by him for the purpose of serving the Cause under his direction. The mere fact that the Hands were appointed by Shoghi Effendi does not entitle them to become part of the institution of the Guardianship. Otherwise, the members of the International Bahá'í Council, who were also appointed by Shoghi Effendi, should similarly become part of that institution. Nowhere do we find any authoritative text to support such an idea. Indeed, the Hands of the Cause served under the Guardian during his lifetime and continue today to serve under the direction of the present-day Head of the Faith, the Universal House of Justice.

Only a lack of proper comprehension of the verities of the Faith, coupled with insatiable ambition, could have led Mason Remey to claim that Shoghi Effendi's statement about mutilation of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh implied that the line of Guardians must not be broken. A more profound understanding of the workings of religion in general, and a deeper study of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh in particular, reveals a different view altogether. The appearance of the Manifestation of God is similar to the advent of the springtime in nature which infuses new life into all living organisms. The Founder of a religion releases spiritual forces which are capable of quickening the souls of men. But every springtime has a limited duration.

Would that idea make any sense in any other context? Let me paraphrase:

> Although there are no more Presidents of Utopia after the death of Rhona Millo, the institution of the Presidency will still exist. We can access that institution through his writings, though he is gone.

No, I don't think so! Plus, we know what the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha said about the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice, period!

> **And now, concerning the House of Justice which God hath ordained as the source of all good and freed from all error, it must be elected by universal suffrage, that is, by the believers. Its members must be manifestations of the fear of God and daysprings of knowledge and understanding, must be steadfast in God's faith and the well-wishers of all mankind. By this House is meant the Universal House of Justice, that is, in all countries a secondary House of Justice must be instituted, and these secondary Houses of Justice must elect the members of the Universal one. Unto this body all things must be referred. It enacteth all ordinances and regulations that are not to be found in the explicit Holy Text. By this body all the difficult problems are to be resolved and the Guardian of the Cause of God is its sacred head and the distinguished member for life of that body. Should he not attend in person its deliberations, he must appoint one to represent him. Should any of the members commit a sin, injurious to the common weal, the Guardian of the Cause of God hath at his own discretion the right to expel him, whereupon the people must elect another one in his stead.**

And that is why I call Taherzadeh a CON ARTIST! That man had NO integrity whatsoever!



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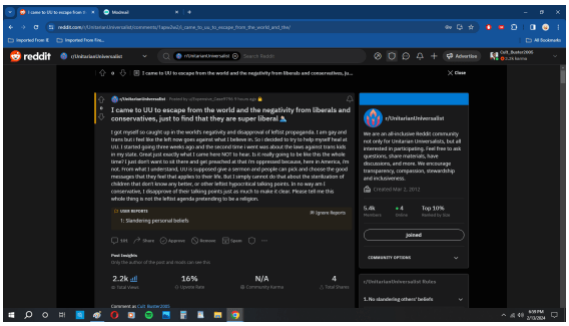
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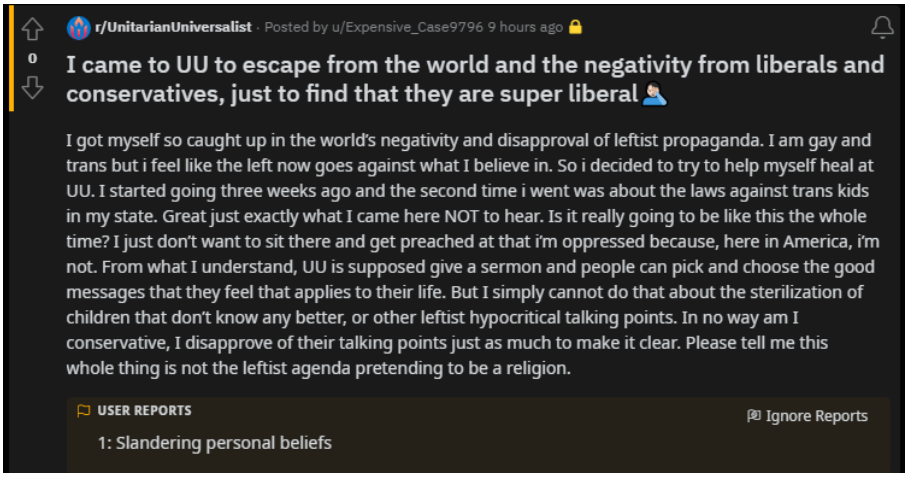
I moderate this subreddit:

https://www.reddit.com/r/UnitarianUniversalist

And one of the things I and the other mods have to watch for are bigoted trolls trying to invade our space and cause trouble for us to promote a regressive agenda.

So one day a stranger butts in and posts this:




r/UnitarianUniversalist · Posted by u/Expensive_Case9796 9 hours ago
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I came to UU to escape from the world and the negativity from liberals and conservatives, just to find that they are super liberal
I got myself so caught up in the world's negativity and disapproval of leftist propaganda. I am gay and trans but i feel like the left now goes against what I believe in. So i decided to try to help myself heal at UU. I started going three weeks ago and the second time i went was about the laws against trans kids in my state. Great just exactly what I came here NOT to hear. Is it really going to be like this the whole time? I just don't want to sit there and get preached at that i'm oppressed because, here in America, i'm not. From what I understand, UU is supposed give a sermon and people can pick and choose the good messages that they feel that applies to their life. But I simply cannot do that about the sterilization of children that don't know any better, or other leftist hypocritical talking points. In no way am I conservative, I disapprove of their talking points just as much to make it clear. Please tell me this whole thing is not the leftist agenda pretending to be a religion.
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> by inUnitarianUniversalist

It took me several hours to deal with the problem, and by then there had been a massive uproar over it. After carefully reviewing the situation, I banned the intruder.

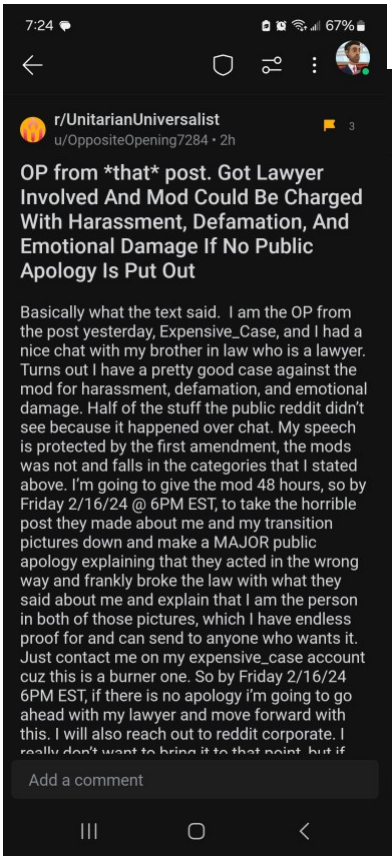
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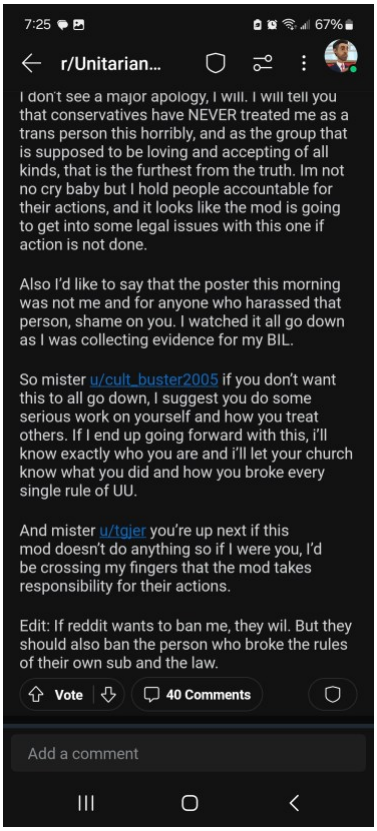
> Special thanks to those who helped fight back at the anti-trans and anti-liberal troll today!
> byu/Cult_Buster2005 inUnitarianUniversalist

Which prompted the troll to make an alt account and post this:

> OP from *that* post. Got Lawyer Involved And Mod Could Be Charged With Harassment, Defamation, And Emotional Damage If No Public Apology Is Put Out
> by inUnitarianUniversalist

Both of the posts that were deleted were done so by him before I was going to do it. The reason I didn't delete his filth immediately was because I wanted to make screenshots of his attacks to use as evidence against him later. So……


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u/OppositeOpening7284 • 2h
OP from *that* post. Got Lawyer Involved And Mod Could Be Charged With Harassment, Defamation, And Emotional Damage If No Public Apology Is Put Out
Basically what the text said. I am the OP from the post yesterday, Expensive_Case, and I had a nice chat with my brother in law who is a lawyer. Turns out I have a pretty good case against the mod for harassment, defamation, and emotional damage. Half of the stuff the public reddit didn't see because it happened over chat. My speech is protected by the first amendment, the mods was not and falls in the categories that I stated above. I'm going to give the mod 48 hours, so by Friday 2/16/24 @ 6PM EST, to take the horrible post they made about me and my transition pictures down and make a MAJOR public apology explaining that they acted in the wrong way and frankly broke the law with what they said about me and explain that I am the person in both of those pictures, which I have endless proof for and can send to anyone who wants it. Just contact me on my expensive_case account cuz this is a burner one. So by Friday 2/16/24 6PM EST, if there is no apology i'm going to go ahead with my lawyer and move forward with this. I will also reach out to reddit corporate. I
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Also I'd like to say that the poster this morning was not me and for anyone who harassed that person, shame on you. I watched it all go down as I was collecting evidence for my BIL.
So mister u/cult_buster2005 if you don't want this to all go down, I suggest you do some serious work on yourself and how you treat others. If I end up going forward with this, i'll know exactly who you are and i'll let your church know what you did and how you broke every single rule of UU.
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And mister u/tgjer you're up next if this mod doesn't do anything so if I were you, I'd be crossing my fingers that the mod takes responsibility for their actions.
Edit: If reddit wants to ban me, they wil. But they should also ban the person who broke the rules of their own sub and the law.
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In all the cases, I and most of the others in the subreddit debunked the troll's lies and total nonsense.

The troll also attacked me directly through the mod channels.

https://imgur.com/a/xMMteja

Gee, I wonder if that idiot was taking legal lessons from Wahid Azal. Just sayin'.....

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITARIAN…

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To the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray,

Congratulations on your election to the leadership of the most liberal religious group in the world descended from Christianity. After the **embarrassing end to the last Presidency** several months ago, the slate has been wiped clean for you to add your own accomplishments, and perhaps mistakes, to it.

The most important thing I think you need to do in order to revitalize the UUA as a religious organization is to confront and completely dismantle **deeply entrenched anti-Christian bigotry** in it. As long as people outside the UUA see it as a place for atheists, pagans, and left-wing extremists, but not for Christians, the UUA will never be seen as a viable choice for those of Christian background who want to abandon and reject fundamentalist bigotry but still feel a **spiritual orientation** to the religion they knew as children and still have love for. Not everyone benefits from having their faith destroyed. As long as it is modified to be more realistic and inclusive for others, that should be enough.

Even though you are white, your being a woman should give you some idea of how you and others around the world may be discriminated against. Keep in mind that while black men got the right to vote in the USA after the Civil War, it was not until 1920 that women of all colors were also granted the right to vote as well. We must always strive to **LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND including transgender people!** I was deeply disappointed to learn that white men were still treated with favoritism in the UUA and am more than happy to see that the process of confronting unthinking racial biases among us is happening at last. It was indeed long overdue!

We must work harder over the next several decades to make Unitarian Universalism the next great world religion and that can happen when we **speak out loudly about it**. No longer must we think of ourselves as an "American" religion, but we must try to build up Unitarian bodies in other areas, **including places where it was popular before**. You should certainly endorse as much as possible the **Church of the Larger Fellowship**, using it a a vehicle for global UU evangelism, and the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**, which actually does good works in the world. The UUSC is the closest thing we have to missionary work and we need more of that!

As I see it, the version of the Baha'i Faith led by the Universal House of Justice in Haifa, Israel is the UUA's most direct rival, having some values in common, but also **some critical differences** that make it necessary to draw clear distinctions between the two religions. Baha'i values were similar to those of the Unitarians and Universalists about a century ago, but since then it has degenerated into a cult of extreme dogmatism that makes it a threat to unsuspecting souls looking for a new spiritual home after leaving one they no longer feel comfortable in. The best way to counter the Haifan Baha'is is to establish or at least officially endorse a sub-division within the UUA for Baha'is who wish to think

for themselves instead of being mentally enslaved to a **body consisting literally of nine old men.** There is already such a small community that the internet has made possible, it just needs some support. For more details, see: http://unitarianbahai.angelfire.com/ and also:

http://unitarianbahais.blogspot.com/

With the election last year of the **worst President the USA has ever had**, we as UUs have a moral obligation to **revive the spirit of civil disobedience** pioneered by civil rights protesters in the past. Unless and until we are willing to be imprisoned for our ideals, they mean nothing. Together, we can change things for the better and in the process gain many new converts who want a refuge from the madness of right-wing politics. Even in "red" states like Oklahoma and Texas, UU churches thrive.

Please consider creating a cable TV channel devoted to Unitarian Universalist programming. We already have a strong presence on YouTube, so such a channel is the next logical step. For ideas on what content we can make for it, look at the example of **Democracy Now**. Of course, that is liberal politics, but where is a channel for liberal RELIGION?

The UUA must look into forming strong alliances with **other liberal religious groups**, and not just the United Church of Christ, the UUA's closest spiritual relative. Also join with non-religious groups like the **American Humanist Association** that are not so infested with anti-religious extremism and other forms of bigotry that they are a disgrace to humanity. Many feminists and non-white people that may be attracted to atheism find themselves **repulsed by bigots who are also well-known atheists in social media**. We can provide them **an alternative**.

I wish you the best of luck over the next six years.

Dale Husband, the Honorable Skeptic

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ANOTHER BAHA'I PICKS A FIGHT WITH ME ON YOUTUBE

Watch this video, which is based on one of my first blog entries attacking the Baha'i Faith:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02FWnoAP3tk

I expected some criticism from Baha'is, but nothing like this:

> AVATAR PARADIGMS
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> Hello.
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> I'm an experimental philosopher and systems theorist. I've studied world religions for 19 years, beginning in the year 2000 unto the present. I was raised a Christian and, having been an atheist for some time before finding God, then reverted Islam in the mid-2000's. After ten years I discovered the Baha'i Faith and entered into the cause in 2015.
>
> There are many errors in this video. In the spirit of the cause, I'm taking it upon myself to correct many of Mr. Husband's well-meaning but unfortunate misunderstandings. I'm willing to give him the benefit of the doubt by saying I don't believe Mr. Husband is maliciously misrepresenting the faith intentionally; only that his doing so is motivated by a misunderstanding of this element of the Baha'i Faith because it was not made sufficiently clear to him.
>
> Because I'm so familiar with the theoretical roots of the faith – especially in terms of Islamic mysticism and Eastern Orthodox hesychastic practices which can trace their origin all the way back to the Jewish Kabbalah during the Islamic Umayyad conquest of Spain, I'm qualified to explain the errors in Mr. Husband's video.
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> Unfortunately, Mr. Husband doesn't speak Arabic. I do – not fluently, but conversationally – and have an extensive Arabic vocabulary which, largely for research and academic purposes, consists of terms of deep theological import.
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> The term which Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, translates as "infallibility" is عِصْمَة. This word has no direct English corollary. Meaning "protection from sin", and "incorruptible innocence" and "inability to do evil", it translates loosely as "infallibility" into English.
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> The word is pronounced in English as "ismah."
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> The history of the term begins within Shia Islam where it denotes the inherited charisma of the prophet Muhammad which was received in successive tradition from and through the 12 imams, beginning with Imam Ali and descending by degrees down through the authority of the 12 imams. The teaching is simply this: ismah is the divine attribute of a holy man being protected from sin by the will of God. As a result, the bearer of ismah is in possession of an incorruptible innocence such that one is not without the ability but without the MEANS to do evil.
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> What this means is simple: it is not that an individual standing in possession of ismah is incapable of error; rather, it means that an individual is incapable of providing sinful, corrupt, or spurious interpretations of holy writ because such an individual has been deprived by God of the MEANS for doing so. A prime example of this is that were the Universal House of Justice to publicly release a document with a typo or a spelling error in it, this alone is not evidence of fallibility; nor is it a repudiation of the station of "ismah." Again, what "ismah" means is not simply infallibility, but of a specific type: the absence of a means to interpret the writings of Baha'u'llah, the Bab or Abdul Baha in an ethically corrupt and malicious way grounded on malicious intent.

To provide an example of Ismah in action, imagine a scriptural exposition provided by the Virgin Mary, or the blessed Fatimah, or even Sariputti: the disciple of Buddha. While these beloved souls are certainly capable of errors, because of their extreme purity of heart and holiness they are protected by God from issuing forth profane and morally corrupt understandings of the scripture. This is what is meant when one says Abdul Baha or Shoghi Effendi's expositions of the writings of Baha'u'llah and the Bab are infallible. They are protected via the will of God through the power of ismah (عِصْمَة).

Baha'u'llah, in naming Abdul Baha as the center of the Covenant, had conferred upon him the status of the infallible interpreter of his writings. In the Last Will and Testimony of Abdul Baha, this charisma was conferred upon Shoghi Effendi. Shoghi's role was the official interpreter of the writings of Baha'u'llah, the Bab, and Abdul Baha. No one else had the authority of interpreting the writings of Baha'u'llah, the Bab, and Abdul Baha.

With the death of Shoghi Effendi, because he and he alone was empowered with the right to interpret the writings, the meaning of the scriptures as they have been elucidate up until that point has been sealed. No future interpreters would come from that point forward. In this way, by an act of God, the meanings of the scriptures were permanently safeguarded from institutional corruption that would have inevitably followed over the next millennium.

Each and every Baha'i was now made responsible for arriving at their own private understanding of the writings of Baha'u'llah and the Bab, as guided by the interpretations set forth by Abdul Baha and the expositions illuminated by Shoghi Effendi. The effect of this is that the faith is safeguarded – protected, as it were – from deteriorating due to a successive chain of faulty interpretations being imposed upon the scriptures. This naturally extends to include the Universal House of Justice.

As for the question of infallibility? No Baha'i sincerely believes that were the Universal House of Justice to declare that helium is the heaviest element in the periodic table, or that the number 1 comes after 5 and before 7 in the number line, that its pontifications would be infallibly correct. Rather, what it signifies is that if the Universal House of Justice issued a writ with spelling errors in it, or handed down a ruling regarding the enforcement of a law in the Kitab'i'Aqdas which was later to be discovered in error and overturned, that these actions are not grounds for the Baha'i to accuse the Universal House of Justice of corruption, much less malicious intent.

In other words, the source of the Universal House of Justice's ismah – it's protection from corruption – is the believing body of the Baha'i themselves. It is not an attribute conferred upon the Universal House of Justice, but a divine obligation of the Baha'i to regard the Universal House of Justice with deference, reverence, and to always perceive them as having the best of intentions, while at the same time engaging in the democratic processes of voting to ensure that the Universal House of Justice, it's governing body, and it's basis of power and authority is preserved from the moral corruption and the deterioration of spiritual character that so often accompanies the possession of power, authority and it's wielding.

The practice of striving to personally interpreting a speaker's statements in the most logical and charitable way possibles has a long and storied history in science and philosophy. Called the Principle of Charity, the practice aims at preventing oneself from straw-manning the point of view of a speaker by ever striving to consider a perspective in its best light, by granting it the benefit of being understood in its most powerful and most ethical manner possible.

In short, the Universal House of Justice truly does possess ismah – which is to say: moral infallibility – but only to the degree that we as Baha'is do our duty to be virtuous ourselves, to observe the commandments of Baha'u'llah by regarding the Universal House of Justice with deference, reverence, and to always grant them as

having the best of intentions by regarding all their statements in the most charitable and rational manner possible – all while at the same time, by engaging in the democratic process of voting for the removal of those members Universal House of Justice whose representation and service we are dissatisfied with in order to inaugurate newer, more qualified members in their place.

In conjunction with honoring and respecting the history and authority of the Universal House of Justice by holding it to the highest moral standards we can conceive of: Divine Infallibility, it is through this democratic process of Baha'is voting out representatives of the Universal House of Justice which fall short of this Divine Standard by voting in new representatives that protects the Universal House of Justice from sin, safeguards the organization from corruption, and preserves the innocence of the institution – and thus confers upon the Universal House of Justice the blessing of Ismah: the Divine Charisma of Moral Infallibility which it inherited from the Wisdom that is to be found only through obedience to the writings and authority of Baha'u'llah.

This is what we mean when we say that the Universal House of Justice is infallible; through Baha'u'llah's command, all power in our faith has been invested in the Baha'i – one and all – and we have a responsibility to maintain the integrity of the Universal House of Justice by rightly protecting it from corruption and iniquity. As long as we do our duty in protecting the Universal House of Justice by holding it to a divine standard of moral excellence and accountability, then the integrity of our faith is ensured until the time when the next manifestation of God appears to renew our faith with a new revelation in the age of a new dispensation.

Thank you, and allah'u'abha.

Wow, an entire novel of arrogant commentary that most people wouldn't even bother to read!

One of my allies, Wahid Azal, jumped in to reply before I did.

N. Wahid Azal

I am happy to respond to a few of your own blatant errors because not only do I know Arabic but I am far more familiar with the issues and concepts you speak about then even you appear to be. First, you need to prove the legitimacy of Baha'ullah himself before your argument holds any water and weight; and you need to do this directly from the writings of the Bab Himself. Since you cannot do this, all of the premises of your argument regarding the UHJ fall apart and reveal themselves as mere ideological tautologies which exposes everything else you say about the UHJ as nothing more than delusional cult apologia.

You say: "...Eastern Orthodox hesychastic practices which can trace their origin all the way back to the Jewish Kabbalah during the Islamic Umayyad conquest of Spain..."

There was no Kabbalah as a system during the Ummayad conquest of Spain because the Kabbalah originates in the eastern Islamic lands in Baghdad (particularly with circles around Saadia ben Gaon) and is systematized in northern Spain and southern Provenance in the form of the Zohar by Moses de Leon and his circle many centuries after the Islamic conquest of Spain. As such your first assertion is ahistorical and proves that you are not remotely familiar with Eastern Orthodox hesychastic practices, let alone the Kabbalah, as you claim.

You say: "Universal House of Justice...the absence of a means to interpret the writings...of the Bab...in an ethically corrupt and malicious way grounded on malicious intent."

They have actually done this, i.e. interpreting the writings of the Bab in an ethically corrupt and malicious way grounded on malicious intent, on multiple occasions too numerous to name all the way to the time of Baha'ullah himself. A prime recent example of this was in their 2004 response to Badi Villar Cardenas regarding the Will and Testament of the Bab. Taherzadeh's "Selections" is another blatant example. The fact that they do not open

their manuscript collection of the Bab's writings to the outside world is yet another, and on it goes.

I believe that just these short rejoinders here prove that you do not know what you are talking about and are yet another glazed eyed Haifan Bahai cultist.

Finally, I answered the Baha'i with:

Dale Husband

{{{The term which Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, translates as "infallibility" is عِصْمَة. This word has no direct English corollary. Meaning "protection from sin", and "incorruptible innocence" and "inability to do evil", it translates loosely as "infallibility" into English. The word is pronounced in English as "ismah." }}}

Your argument is completely bogus! We DO have an English word for "protection from sin", and "incorruptible innocence" and "inability to do evil": sinless. The fact that Shoghi Effendi used "infallible" and not "sinless" instead negates your whole point. Of course, a person can make an honest mistake and thus be fallible while also being sinless. But Shoghi Effendi and Abdu'l-Baha did not claim to be sinless, did they? No, they claimed to be INFALLIBLE!

Abdu'l-Baha wrote, "Whatsoever [the Baha'i leaders of the future] decide is of God. Whoso obeyeth him not, neither obeyeth them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelleth against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposeth him hath opposed God; whoso contendeth with them hath contended with God; whoso disputeth with him hath disputed with God; whoso denieth him hath denied God; whoso disbelieveth in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviateth, separateth himself and turneth aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God."

I believe that equating ANY human being or any man-made institution of any kind with God is BLASPHEMY! You might as well not believe in God at all if you think truth can be defined by someone claiming God's authority. How can that authority be proven wrong? By another "authority" contradicting him and the people being divided over who to believe? Or do we look at the universe and everything in it to see the truth for ourselves? This is why science is superior to religion. And writing an entire novel of rhetorical claims matters not in the slightest in the absence of empirical evidence that the Baha'i leadership since the time of Baha'u'llah was infallible.

The next day, the Baha'i made replies to both me and Azal that so infuriated me that I blocked him, but this not only ended the pointless debate (most religious debates are actually pointless because the opponents don't even start with the same standards of truth, which makes progress at drawing a fair conclusion impossible), but it deleted ALL of the comments made by me, Azal and the Baha'i intruder. I wish YouTube didn't do that; I would have kept at least some of those comments! Fortunately, I had already made copies of those three comments above **in the ExBaha'i subreddit**.

Later comments in reddit were as follows:

komorikomori

Mr. Husband doesn't speak Arabic. I do – not fluently, but conversationally

What does this even mean? So they are not fluent in Arabic, but they are acting as an authority on Arabic because... what? just because they can order food or have a basic conversation in Arabic?

Dale_Husband_HS

> Imagine if I wrote a criticism of Roman Catholicism and a defender of it argued against me because of my ignorance of Latin…..when my orginal critique said nothing at all about the use of Latin by Catholic Popes and theologians at all.
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> That is just as absurd as what was done to me in YouTube.

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ANOTHER BAHA'I PROVES A MERE ANNOYANCE ON YOUTUBE

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Naturally, Baha'is rushed to attack it and critics of the Baha'i Faith also showed up to deal with it, including me.

> Dale Husband
> As a former Baha'i I have been writing against it for many years and even made a few videos about it. Here are links to them:
> A BIG LIE of the Baha'i: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmgmocliRec
> Baha'i Scandals: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJwZ5lUFa_g
> How should Unitarian Universalists Deal with Baha'is?:
> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwUZs1khVig
> Five Ways to Create a Religion of Hypocrites
> : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sx9srURIAs0
> The Fatal Flaw of Baha'i Authority: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02FWnoAP3tk

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> Anonymous 35821361
> When researching the Bahá'í Faith, please do not limit yourself only to the officially-sanctioned literature of the Bahá'í Administrative Order. Here are a few observations...
> 1) The Bahá'í Faith exists solely to perpetuate itself, 99% of its focus and activities are toward this one goal, growth in membership. Throughout their history they have been preparing their members for the "entry by troops" of new converts, which has yet to materialize. They do a minimal amount of humanitarian or charity work.
> 2) Bahá'ís use terminology in ways that was not intended. Bahá'ís don't have censorship, they have "review." They don't proselytize, they "teach." They don't have missionaries, they have "pioneers." They don't have prophets, they are called "manifestations." And so forth.
> 3) Bahá'ís have a "lo is us" sense of historical persecution. If you look at their history, though, most would call it just fruits. During the founding of the religion, the forebear Babi sect led a violent, apocalyptic revolution in Iran, and some of their members later attempted to assassinate the Shah. Their leadership were exiled to the Ottoman Empire where schismatic violence within the group later led to house arrest. Of course, this is all

billed as being persecuted.

4) Bahá'ís lament how others view them in a conspiratorial light, when in fact, again, this is based on historical reality. In Iran the Babis had the protection of the Russian ambassador (Russia being an imperial power that had seized wide swaths of territory from Iran and at one point the Russian ambassador had to approve Iranian cabinet ministers). In the Ottoman Empire, Bahá'ís conspired with the Young Turks, who deposed Sultan Abdul Hamid II in a coup. Later, they would assist the British, and their leader `Abdu'l-Bahá earned knighthood, being designated KBE. With their headquarters in Haifa, Bahá'ís have cooperated with the state of Israel, to the extent that some of the Bahá'í World Center buildings are built on land expropriated from absentee Palestinian land owners.

5) Bahá'ís inflate their membership numbers. Comparing census data of various nations to self-reported data confirms this. The outside data Bahá'ís often cite, like from the Association of Religion Data Archives, only uses self-reported data, creating a circle.

6) In the community I was a member of, even in the lifetime of Khomeini, there were Persian Bahá'ís who would regularly travel to Iran during their summer holidays to visit family. When I would ask them how that was possible, their response was always along the lines that the arrested Bahá'ís were those who were administratively and politically active, almost to the point of referring to them as "troublemakers." The Bahá'í Administrative Order uses these news stories of alleged persecution very astutely to generate media attention. A Google News search for the term "Bahá'í" shows a predominance of news stories regarding Bahá'í temples and discrimination. Otherwise, the Bahá'í Faith generates little to no interest.

7) Bahá'ís initially hide from members some of the more unsavory realities of their religion. Men and women are equal, but women are barred from serving in the highest organ of the religion, the Universal House of Justice, and will presumably be barred from the local and national Houses of Justice that the current LSA's and NSA's will one day evolve into. The hierarchy is billed as being democratic, but only in the sense of council democracy as it still exists in Cuba where individuals elect local committees, who then elect national committees, who then elect the Universal House of Justice. There is a parallel appointed hierarchy. With no politicking or partisanship allowed, elected members in the higher ranks serve for life until they die or retire, and are subsequently replaced by nomenklatura.

8) Bahá'ís hide from members some of the more unsavory realities of their history. After Bahá'u'lláh their leader was 'Abdu'l-Bahá and then Shoghi Effendi. By the time Shoghi Effendi died, all the living descendants of Bahá'u'lláh had been excommunicated from the religion for various offenses, including marrying a "lowborn Christian girl," a term he would later defend. Shoghi Effendi was also designated the "Guardian," by 'Abdu'l-Bahá. The Guardian was supposed to designated subsequent Guardians, but did not do so, although the entire Bahá'í administrative structure depended on it.

9) Ignoring failed prophecies, like `Abdu'l-Bahá declaring the peace of the world to come by the year 2000. Those of us around in the 1980's and 1990's remember the crescendo, and the anticlimactic ignoring of reality and denial of the build up.

10) Many Bahá'ís books have been posthumously rewritten to remove references to to failed prophecies and prominent individuals who left the Bahá'í Faith for various reasons. These rewrites are more than minor edits and constitute a different process than "Bahá'í review" which the euphemism used for pre-publication censorship.

11) Bahá'ís claim earlier religions are valid, but in reality they only do this in an Islamic sense (i.e., the earlier revelation was perverted over time). For example, they deny the parts of Bible written by Paul. Or when Muhammad says he is the last prophet, Bahá'ís say that was true only for the Adamic Cycle, but now we are in the Bahá'í Cycle.

12) The Universal House of Justice has noted that only "A fraction of the total numbers of unique works have been published in the original languages or translated into Western languages." The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, the central

book of the Bahá'í Faith written by Bahá'u'lláh, was only officially translated into English in 1992, by which time other translations, such as one by the Royal Asiatic Society, were becoming increasingly available through dissemination via the internet. My personal opinion is that the material in the Kitáb-i-Aqdas is so objectionable that the Bahá'í authorities wished to shield Western believers from its contents, as they do from Bahá'u'lláh's other works by not publishing the originals or providing translations.

I could go on. If you're wondering why I am sending you this message, it is because of my personal experience with the Baha'i Faith. If years ago I knew what I know now, I would have avoided years of commitment and devotion, not to mention financial contribution, to a religion that was presented inaccurately. In the final analysis, I do not believe the Baha'i Faith to be true. For over ten years I did "leave it alone." But a couple of years ago I went on Wikipedia, just to browse, and sure enough the same canards and lies were being repeated. I had never been to Reddit before, but a Google search on a topic brought me here and, sure enough, the same material was being presented. That motivated me to "set the record straight." At some point, I felt like I needed to call people on their bullshit. My only intention is to present an unbiased truth as documented in the historical record, most of it from Baha'i sources no less.

Tufan 19

As a Baha'i myself, every one of the explanations you gave have errors in them. Also, if you're not a Baha'i anymore why is it that your profile image is the Baha'i symbol (nine pointed star)?

Naser Emtesali

@Tufan 19 This symbol is not the Trademark of the Baha'i Administration. Only the "Most Great Name" is. On August 28,1934, the Most Great Name symbol was registered as a trademark (Trade-Mark 316,444). Similarly, the "Bahá'í" trademark (Trade-Mark 245,271) was registered with the Patent Office on August 7, 1928. These trademarks have not prevented the use of the term "Bahá'í" by groups considered Covenant-breakers by the Bahá'í Administrative Order, as upheld in repeated failed litigation. As early as 1941, the New York Supreme Court dismissed a court case brought by National Spiritual Assembly and Trustees of the Bahá'ís of the United States and Canada against Mirza Ahmad Sohrab for the use of the word "Bahá'í." The judge granted a motion to dismiss, stating that "the plaintiffs have no right to a monopoly of the name of a religion. The defendants, who purport to be members of the same religion, have an equal right to use the name of the religion..."

Anonymous 35821361

What are the errors?

Tufan 19

@Anonymous 35821361 Why should I waste my time right now and explain them to you. It's so easy to just copy and paste misinformation.

Dale Husband

@Tufan 19 That's a cop out! If you can't directly answer those charges above, why should anyone take the Baha'i Faith seriously?

> Tufan 19 1 day ago
>
> @Dale Husband It's easy for me to answer these "few observations". In fact, I addressed one of them to some one else here. Yet, it seems too hard for him to answer as to why choose a Baha'i star as a profile pic. Why choose to confuse people as to your real motive. That's why I refuse to waste my time any more with this thread.

> Dale Husband
>
> Goodbye and good riddance.

What a wuss! Anyway, here's another video from that same channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZEwcDBpk-U

I wish Baha'is, Christians, Republicans and others would just stop with the propaganda tactics and just tell the TRUTH!

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ANOTHER BATTLE WITH A HAIFAN BAHA'I, THIS TIME ON BLOGSPOT

One of the most powerful anti-Baha'i blogs ever made is:
https://bahaism.blogspot.com/

It is run by a man named Naser Emtesali. A few years ago, he took notice of my own blog entries criticizing my former religion and made copies of them to spread my messages.

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2011/03/dale-husbands-resignation-from-bahai.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2011/10/universal-house-of-international.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2015/07/four-ways-to-create-religion-of.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2015/07/equality-of-sexes-not-in-bahai-faith.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2015/10/bahai-scandals.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2016/12/4-ways-to-create-religion-of-hypocrites.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2016/04/dale-husbands-battle-on-amazon-with.html

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2017/02/why-i-abandoned-haifan-bahai-faith.html

Recently, a confrontation between a Haifan Baha'i, Scott Hakala, and N. Wahid Azal (a former Baha'i turned Babi), was recorded on this blog, leading to more fighting between them later.

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2017/09/nima-wahid-azals-response-to-brainded.html

And then when I spoke up in defense of Azal:

> {{{*Dale Husband* September 23, 2017 at 1:59 PM
>
> Based on my own experiences with both Wahid Azal himself and with various Baha'is across the internet, I find Azal far more credible than you, Mr. Hakala. The "history" writers of your cult are notorious for damage control that would have impressed Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister for Nazi Germany.}}}

...Hakala went after me! Before too long, Emtesali made another blog entry slamming him and defending me by showing exactly how I dealt with him!
https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2017/10/bahai-hack-scott-hakala-gets-cute.html
I would not call my response cute, since I was feeling anything but cute when I wrote it unless you consider this to be cute too:



Not knowing when to shut up and go away in defeat, Hakala continued to assault me on the earlier blog entry, so I made copies of his comments and brought them to the newer one. Then I ripped into him again.

Dale Husband October 20, 2017 at 3:10 AM

So to continue:

{{{I had hoped you would have the courage to actually call me and discuss directly, rather than resorting to a caustic online debate which can only inflame.}}}
Why? I like to keep everything public where all can see it. You don't?

{{{Reading your site concerned me with its anger, hostility, and tone.}}}
Tone-trolling is insulting to my intelligence. https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Tone%20Troll
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tone_policing

{{{I, frankly, found it confusing, offensive, and plain wrong about many things, not just the Baha'i Faith.}}}
You are welcome to make your own specific arguments online and debunk my points, rather than make vague statements denying their validity. I back up each and every one of my opinions on my blog with detailed historical references and logic. Can you do the same?

{{{It is illegal to alter or use copyrighted images (that picture was from my employer's site) in an impermissible or offensive manner without permission. If you do not see or realize that, then I cannot help you.}}}
Why would a mere picture of you, or anyone else, be COPYRIGHTED? Copyrights are for intellectual property that is created, such as my Circle H logo, a book that is written and published, and a TV show being broadcast. A pic of you is not intellectual property!

*Dale Husband*October 20, 2017 at 3:29 AM

{{{Those posting such venomous content may not realize the full consequences of doing so and may not realize how many (or most) might see those things differently and react negatively to what they have posted. They may see or revel in the small following they believe they have (such is the human ego) but not see the greater revulsion in others.}}}
Yes, let's see some actual statements from seekers who claim anything like, "Dale Husband's bitter attacks on the Baha'i Faith were disgusting to me, so that made me more interested in the Faith." Until that actually happens, I have no reason to take such an absurdity seriously! It makes absolutely NO sense whatsoever!

{{{No one should feel misled; if you found out some things in the Faith later that you had difficulty accepting, that is perfectly fine. That does not and never made the Baha'i Faith a cult; it has none of the characteristics of a cult (including the false allegations of"love bombing" which I frankly do not see either).}}}
So now you are calling me a liar about my own personal experiences and perceptions. Thanks, hypocrite; you are the pot, I am the kettle.

{{{You have every right to believe what you will, but you DO have the obligation to fully and fairly investigate facts and understand them and you DO NOT have the right to slander, defame, or disparage others or a religion.}}}
So you think it was acceptable for Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi to defame their own relatives for disagreeing with them? Even having Baha'i "history" written with absurd biases to attempt to destroy their memory?! MY OWN INVESTIGATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF FACTS IS EXACTLY WHY I AM NOT A BAHA'I NOW!

{{{What is clear is reliance on and poisoning of attitudes over time (just another form of online brainwashing frankly), some clearly based on material (much of its false) on other Internet sites antagonistic to the Baha'i Faith (often with hidden motives or affiliations by the way). I do not understand the inappropriate name calling and such caustic methods; they are signs of a weak argument and are both inappropriate and unacceptable.}}}

> This is projection. Your mere denial of statements made by critics of the Baha'i Faith means nothing; those critics can just as easily deny the claims made by YOU and other Baha'i advocates to support your Faith's dogmas. If they are not credible, why should YOU be? NO ONE should ever have automatic credibility.

Can Haifan Baha'is (or, indeed, religious fanatics in general) PLEASE learn to argue without using such lame fallacies as is made so damn clear from incidents like that?!

LogicalFallaciesInfographic_A1

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ANOTHER HAIFAN BAHA'I GETS BUSTED ON REDDIT

A subreddit devoted to religion in general got a post from a Muslim about the Baha'i Faith.

Questions for bahai's

byu/Narwhal_Songs inreligion

But among the comments there was a verbal tennis match between trident, a Unitarian Baha'i, and FrenchBread, a Haifan Baha'i.

FrenchBread5941

You will have many responses if you post this in r/bahai

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trident765

Baha'i

r/Freespeechbahai for alternative Bahai perspectives

FrenchBread5941

you aren't even a Baha'i

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trident765

Baha'i

Yes I am

FrenchBread5941

There is no such thing as Haifan or Unitarian Bahá'ís. You can't make things up like that. I can call myself the Wizard of Oz but it doesn't mean anything.

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trident765

Baha'i

The difference between Haifan and Unitarian Bahais is Haifan Baha'is believe that after Baha'u'llah's death Abdul Baha's Will was to be followed, which appointed Shoghi Effendi and then the UHJ as the successors, whereas Unitarian Bahais believe that after Baha'u'llah's death the instructions of the Kitab i Ahd were to be followed, which appointed Mirza Muhammad Ali as the successor of Abdul Baha.

I don't see why you think there is no such thing as a Unitarian Bahai.

FrenchBread5941

The Kitab-i-Ahd did not appoint Mirza Muhammad Ali. Go read it again.

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trident765

Baha'i

It says Abdul Baha and then Muhammad Ali after him.

FrenchBread5941

No it says the station of Muhammad Ali is beneath that of Abdul'Baha. It says nothing of him succeeding Abdul'Baha. It also says we must obey Abdul'Baha and to turn away from him is like turning away from Baha'u'llah. Abdul'Baha was free to choose his successor and he chose Shoghi Effendi. It's a done deal. There is nothing to argue.

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trident765

Only in the Haifan translation. Beneath is a mistranslation of the word بعد, which means "after" and does not mean "beneath". Earlier translations did not use the word beneath. I include the Horace Holley translation in this post:

https://old.reddit.com/r/FreeSpeechBahai/comments/pbkwoe/my_interpretation_of_bahaullahs_successor/

The word "beneath" is not found here.

This is what the Kitab i Ahd says in the original language:

وصيّة الله آنكه بايد اغصان و افنان و منتسبين طرّاً بغصن اعظم ناظر باشند انظروا ما انزلناه فی کتابی الاقدس اذا غیض بحر الوصال و قضی کتاب المبدء فی المآل توجّهوا اِلی من اراده الله الّذی انشعب من هذا الاصل القدیم مقصود از این آیه مبارکه غصن اعظم بوده کذلک اظهرنا الامر فضلاً من عندنا و انا الفضّال الکریم قد قدّر الله مقام الغصن الاکبر بعد مقامه انّه هو الآمر الحکیم قد اصطفینا الاکبر بعد الاعظم امراً من لدن علیم خبیر

FrenchBread5941

Whether or not you translate it as "beneath" or "after" does not change the fact that the passage is not implying in any way about who should be the successor after Abdul'Baha. I can't fathom how you can read it in such a matter. Once Muhammad Ali broke the covenant by not recognizing Abdul'Baha it's a moot point. Muhammad Ali was excommunicated so he can't be the successor anyway. You need to stop spreading this kind of disinformation. It's so harmful to your soul that I am deeply saddened for you.

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trident765

It doesn't imply it. It commands it explicitly:

> Verily, God hath ordained the station of the Greater Branch after the station of the former. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Wise. We have surely chosen the Greater after the Greatest as a Command from the All-Knowing, the Omniscient!

FrenchBread5941

It says station not succession. My station is lower than Abdul'Baha but that doesn't mean I am to succeed him. The key word is station.

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trident765

Baha'i

So what was the point of mentioning Muhammad Ali at all?

FrenchBread5941

To make sure Muhammad Ali (and everyone else in the family and the community) knew that Muhammad Ali was to obey Abdul'Baha. So that Muhammad Ali would not challenge the successorship after Baha'u'llah's death, and everyone would turn to Abdul'Baha for leadership and there wouldn't be a schism.

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trident765

Baha'i

Wouldn't it make things clearer to just not mention Muhammad Ali, and just say that everyone was to obey Abdul Baha?

FrenchBread5941

Clearly Baha'u'llah felt the need to address Muhammad Ali by name specifically so that there would be no doubt or question amongst everyone in the family. I'd recommend you read God Passes Bye which talks quite a bit about the trouble that Muhammad Ali was causing at the time for Abdul'Baha. Later in Abdul'Baha's ministry, Muhammad Ali went as far as trying to have Abdul'Baha crucified by the Ottomans.

Well, that was over two months ago. When I found that thread, I decided that FrenchBread needed to be taught a lesson in humility. So I went after him!

Seeker_Alpha1701

Unitarian Universalist

If other Baha'is are anything like YOU in the way you argued with trident here, then clearly those responses in the Baha'i subreddit are not to be trusted.

You said:

> There is no such thing as Haifan or Unitarian Bahá'ís. You can't make things up like that. I can call myself the Wizard of Oz but it doesn't mean anything.

That's like saying there is no such thing as a Christian outside the Roman Catholic Church. Don't be so bigoted! Then you claimed:

> [The Kitab-i-Ahd] says the station of Muhammad Ali is beneath that of Abdul'Baha. It says nothing of him succeeding Abdul'Baha. It also says we must obey Abdul'Baha and to turn away from him is like turning away from Baha'u'llah. Abdul'Baha was free to choose his successor and he chose Shoghi Effendi. It's a done deal. There is nothing to argue.

Do you read the original languages of Baha'u'llah's writings, Arabic and Persian? Apparently not! When trident tried to correct you with the actual quotation from the passage in question, you simply doubled down on the falsehoods.

> Whether or not you translate it as “beneath” or “after” does not change the fact that the passage is not implying in any way about who should be the successor after Abdul’Baha. I can’t fathom how you can read it in such a matter. Once Muhammad Ali broke the covenant by not recognizing Abdul’Baha it’s a moot point. Muhammad Ali was excommunicated so he can’t be the successor anyway. You need to stop spreading this kind of disinformation. It’s so harmful to your soul that I am deeply saddened for you.

Why do you assume Mirza Muhammad-Ali broke the Covenant? Because you believe what was written about him decades after the fact? You weren’t there, so you don’t know what really happened, do you?

The real reason for the dispute between the brothers was because Abdu’l-Baha falsely claimed infallibility for himself after Baha’u’llah made clear in the Kitab-i-Aqdas that NO ONE but God and a Messenger of God could be infallible. He also warned his followers in that book that no one could claim direct revelation from God for 1000 years after his time. Abdu’l-Baha’s claim about himself made it look like he was equal to his father and that made Muhammad-Ali think Abdu’l-Baha violated the Covenant. And once the Covenant was broken, the obligation to obey Abdu’l-Baha became irrelevant. Abdu’l-Baha was just as bound to the rules of his father as Muhammad-Ali was. Having Muhammad-Ali act as a check on Abdu’l-Baha’s absolute power was actually a wise thing for Baha’u’llah to do, in hindsight. Too bad most Baha’is, including you, have chosen to ignore the actual facts about Baha’u’llah’s own teachings. Instead, you use talking points that really don’t make sense. Trident did say:

> Wouldn’t it make things clearer to just not mention Muhammad Ali, and just say that everyone was to obey Abdul Baha?

Obviously, yes! Then you said:

> Clearly Baha’u’llah felt the need to address Muhammad Ali by name specifically so that there would be no doubt or question amongst everyone in the family.

Because……if Abdu’l-Baha was caught breaking the Covenant, Muhammad-Ali would have the right to challenge him by the authority given to him by both the Kitab-i-Aqdas and the Kitab-i-Ahd. And THAT’S WHAT HE DID!

And as for this final claim of yours:

> Later in Abdul’Baha’s ministry, Muhammad Ali went as far as trying to have Abdul’Baha crucified by the Ottomans.

That’s absurd! And when did the Ottoman Empire ever crucify people?

It’s only natural for Shoghi Effendi after being made Abdu’l-Baha’s successor to demonize Muhammad-Ali to justify what was done. Therefore, his book God Passes By is not credible. It’s like Joseph Stalin demonizing Leon Trotsky after Stalin became the Soviet dictator, even though Trotsky was also a loyal Communist.

The next day after I made that comment, I discovered that FrenchBread had blocked me and my comment had been downvoted by several people. Such pathetic cowardice! But that’s what happens when Haifan Baha’is can’t control the conversation like they can in r/bahai! They run away!

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ANOTHER UNFAIR SUSPENSION FROM REDDIT!

For the THIRD time, an account of mine in reddit was suspended for suspicious reasons.

The previous two incidents are documented here:

Suspended from reddit!

Wahid Azal strikes again!

And I NEVER got an explanation for what I did wrong. I had to figure that out on my own.

And this time, on August 15 of this year.....

> from **reddit**[A]
>
> **Rule Violation: Temporarily Banned for Harassment**
>
> You've been banned for seven days by the Reddit admin team for violating Reddit's rule against harassment in the following content.
>
> Reddit is a place for creating community and belonging, not for harassing or bullying people. We don't tolerate any behaviors that discourage others from participating in communities, conversations, or the Reddit platform through harassment, bullying, intimidation, or abuse. Any communities or people that incite or engage in harassment or abuse towards an individual or group will be banned.
>
> To avoid future bans, make sure you read and understand Reddit's Content Policy, including what's considered harassment.
>
> If you use Reddit with a different account and continue to harass, or if you're reported for any further violations of Reddit's Content Policy after your seven-day ban, additional actions including permanent banning may be taken against your account(s).
>
> If you feel like your content didn't break the rules, you can file an appeal any time within the next six months and we'll take a second look.
>
> -Reddit Admin Team

I then tried to get an explanation and only got:

> from **reddit**[A]
>
> Thanks for submitting an appeal to the Reddit admin team. We have reviewed your request and unfortunately, your appeal will not be granted and your suspension will remain in place.
>
> For future reference, we recommend you to familiarize yourself with Reddit's Content Policy.
>
> -Reddit Admin Team

In short, don't question what we did because you deserve nothing but our contempt! That's not an ethical way to enforce rules, period.

I do have an idea of what happened, though.

On August 13, some lunatic posted this shit in r/UnitarianUniversalist, a subreddit I mod.

Red flag experience at service

So I was attending my first UU Sunday service and was seated in an awfully big hall considering there was only 5 of us there, including the minister and piano player. I later asked during morning tea why the church was so empty, and the minister explained that the congregation used to be overwhelming atheists and agnostic, but the minister I was speaking to was a conservative who believed Unitarianism to be an exclusively protestant form of Christianity, and so expelled all the humanist because they were going to "takeover the place". I was dumbstruck upon hearing this considering UU has the reputation as "the most liberal denomination of Christianity". It was especially awkward considering I'm a secular pagan who believes Yeshua was merely a mortal philosopher. On top of this, this white minister complained that schools in my city were "completely Chinese now" WHILE SITTING NEXT TO, AND EATING FOOD MADE BY, CHINESE PEOPLE. I feel really guilty I didn't say anything then, and feel so unlucky considering this is the only other UU congregation in my entire country except one on the other side of it. Oh well, looks like I'll just have to worship at my shrine again...

This stirred up a lot of controversy and once I became aware of it, I rushed to end it.

Seeker_Alpha1701

MOD

An actual UU minister CANNOT expel most members of a congregation.....the congregation itself hires and fires the minister and directs the affairs of the church via its board as well as congregational meetings every few months or so.
This all sounds suspicious to me, so I will be locking up this thread until I get some specific answers from the OP. I don't believe anything I just read up there!

I then deleted the offensive post and sent a warning to the offender.

Explain yourself! Why did you tell that obvious pack of LIES in my UU subreddit, you pathetic troll! HOW DARE YOU!!!

Could THAT have been the harassment the reddit admin was referring to? Others have done far worse things to me and gotten away with their crap! And don't I have a right to protect my reddit community from trolls and liars?
Speaking of crap, shortly after I was banned, this appeared in r/exbahai.....

u/trident765

According to your suggestive comments on this p o s t https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/15qgbny/comment/jwim17e/ you abandoned Haifan bahaism for UU bahaism because you couldn't find a woman. But UU bahaism is primarily an online phenomenon of mainly white liberal men with either homoerotic tendencies or outright gay. If what drives you is to find a woman, do you think that maybe you have fallen from the frying pan into the fire in switching your allegiance by narrowing your pool of choices to virtually nothing?
Also, why do you say American women "hate" Iranian men? I dated tons of white American women during the '90s. Nothing serious with most of them, which was my own choice. But "hatred" is a bit too outlandish a characterization of the American female's sentiments towards the Iranian male. I personally found the opposite to be the case and broke several hearts in the process. Ask yourself, if the white American female across the board picked men on the basis of phenotype, then why are there so many ***white-as-caspar*** women out there who are with black, Latino, east Asian, Arab and other men with darker skin? In fact, other than economics and

> finance, if there was ever to be a fair competition between white men and black men on the basis of physicality alone, the black man would win the competition against the white man every single time with his eyes blindfolded and his hands tied behind his back! On the basis of sex appeal, the white northern European male can never fairly compete with the darker, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and African male for the white female. Go ask white women this question yourself, if you don't believe me, hence why the white male as a type will always go out of his way to undermine the darker or black male because she would rather couple with him than the endless versions of Gomer out there!
>
> My observation of you is that you appear to have a serious self-confidence problem and are attempting to compensate for that with religion, and UU bahaism in particular. But what doesn't make sense is that the Iranian male is usually raised by their mother to believe they are, as Max Amini once hilariously put it, a *doodool-talaa* (golden dicked) https://youtu.be/lQmJlw483eE. Most Iranian men carry themselves throughout a lifetime often with **delusional*over-confidence*** believing they are the king of the world! With women and courting, however, this appears to help since most Iranian men – whether in Iran or beyond it – are usually fighting the women off for their attention. But you don't seem to have that, so one has to ask about your parents and specifically their parenting of you as an Iranian male living in the USA.
>
> That aside, I think your problem may not be the white American female at all, but rather yourself, your expectations, your overall programming and possibly your environment, not to mention your adherence to a toxic creed that is literally dying and whose wheels have already come off everywhere and in all versions. You said you are planning to go to Colombia to find a significant other. Let me tell you, if you don't sort yourself out, your experience will be no different in Colombia than in the USA, and from the sounds of it you don't seem to have an iota of wisdom regarding the female gender whatsoever but have pigeonholed yourself into a paradigmatic **redpill** fallacy about them. That is really the core of your problem, and until you fix that, prepare to be single for a very long time!

That was obviously posted by Wahid Azal, who was responsible for my last two suspensions. Coincidence?!

Fortunately, investigator919 removed that post and banned Azal again.

Meanwhile, in Facebook, a friend of mine gave me this advice after I announced my suspension from reddit:

> Azal has no hand in Reddit management. He but can make you angry and then you use words which will cause you go out!

So attempting to expose Wahid's past bad acts got my original account suspended twice and permanently because what I linked to happened to include a reference to his original name. And sending a warning to a troll got my current account suspended too.

Frankly, I am surprised reddit has as many users as it does. The way it enforces its rules is not conductive to making things better for people who make honest mistakes due to ignorance.

Fortunately, my suspension is now over and so I came back ROARING!

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/15y8fac/back_from_the_dead/

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BAHA'I SCANDALS

1. The Violation of Abdu'l-Baha – Baha'u'llah in the The Kitáb-i-Ahd, or Book of the Covenant (his Will and Testament) appointed Abdu'l-Baha as his successor, but also stated that Abdu'l-Baha's younger brother Mirza Muhammad Ali should be below him in rank and also be his immediate successor. Abdu'l-Baha disobeyed this commandment by depriving Muhammad Ali of any rank and replacing him as successor with his grandson, Shoghi Effendi, in his own Will and Testament.

2. The Madness of Shoghi Effendi – Abdu'l-Baha, in the same Will and Testament that appointed Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Cause of God, stated that the Guardian must appoint either his firstborn or another branch (male descendant of Baha'u'llah) as his successor in his own lifetime. Shoghi Effendi not only had no children, but he expelled from the Baha'i community **every single one of Abdu'l-Baha's own descendants**, making it impossible for him to keep his grandfather's commandments. He also died in 1957 without leaving a Will and Testament of his own as required by Baha'i law, throwing the Faith into a crisis.

3. Failed prophecy cover up – An early edition of Baha'u'llah and the New Era by J. E. Esselmont stated a prophecy by Abdu'l-Baha that by 1957 "Universal Peace will be firmly established, a Universal language promoted. Misunderstandings will pass away. The Bahá'í Cause will be promulgated in all parts and the oneness of mankind established." But what really happened that year was Shoghi Effendi's death. The prophecy was deleted from later editions of the book.

4. Attack on Kalimat Press – In 2005 and 2006,The National Spiritual Assemblies of the Baha'is of the United States and the United Kingdon issued orders to Baha'i communities under their command to stop selling books published by Kalimat Press, a small Baha'i owned book publishing company, for publishing a few books that they happened to disapprove of. As a result, the company was crippled in its operations.

5. Dr. Hossein Danesh, sex offender – A member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Canada, Danesh was stripped of his psychiatric license in the 1990s after being accused by several of his patients of sexual abuse. Instead of being expelled from the Baha'i community, he was sent to the Baha'i Landegg "university" in Switzerland, a private school which failed in 2005. Returning to Canada, he was hired by the NSA of Canada as a marriage and family therapist for fellow Baha'is.

6. Italian Baha'i financial scandal – Franco Ceccherini, a longtime member of the Italian National Spiritual Assembly, was found in 2007 to have stolen over 360,000 euros over 14 years while serving as the Assembly's treasurer. This was discovered only when the Italian government audited the Baha'i community and then charged it 275,000 euros in back taxes, crippling financially the entire Italian Baha'i community.

7. Stephen Birkland, Baha'i secret police detective – In the 1990s, as a member of the Continental Board of Counselors for North America, Birkland led an investigation of Baha'is running an internet forum known as "Talisman" where members could openly question and debate issues regarding the management of the Baha'i communities. Birkland's abusive tactics drove several Baha'is, including Juan Cole and John & Linda Walbridge, to resign rather than be condemned as covenant-breakers for taking part in Talisman, which was then shut down. Birkand was later rewarded for his zeal by being appointed to the International Teaching Center in 2008 and eventually he was elected to the Universal House of Justice in 2010.

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BAHA'I GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TOTALLY TYRANNICAL

The Baha'i Administrative Order, developed by Shoghi Effendi, and derived from the writings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha, is a badly flawed and ineffective mode of government, which would naturally take over an area if the Baha'is ever became the majority of any place on Earth. Here's why that must NEVER happen:

First, Baha'i elections are run in such a way that there are no nominations, campaigning is forbidden, and the top nine members that get the most votes are elected. As a result, incumbents are virtually guaranteed to win, turnover is extremely low, and the policies of adminstrative bodies cannot be challenged by outsiders at elections. There is no freedom in such elections.

Second, consider this quote from Baha'u'llah himself:
Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray. We find some men desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein. Such men are in the depths of ignorance.

Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the animal. That which beseemeth man is submission unto such restraints as will protect him from his own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of the mischief-maker. Liberty causeth man to overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the level of extreme depravity and wickedness.

Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.

Say: True liberty consisteth in man's submission unto My commandments, little as ye know it. Were men to observe that which We have sent down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation, they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed from the Heaven of His Will, that pervadeth all created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you is to be found nowhere except in complete servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.

I think George Orwell would call this sort of thing "doublespeak". Of course, if you are a Libertarian, this is total nonsense to you. War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength. NOT!

Third, Baha'ullah himself made many laws in his writings that for Baha'is can never be challenged or overturned, not even by Baha'i administration bodies. Even worse, the interpretation of those laws by Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi also cannot be challenged or overturned. The legislative functions of those bodies, including the Universal House of Justice, are thus extremely limited. Baha'is have NO real freedom!

Consider this testimony from another ex-Baha'i:

http://www.bahai-faith.com/ex-Bahai-10.html

I used to be a member of the Baha'i Faith, and though it has some very good points, it ultimately fails to pass the test of independent investigation. Baha'is usually seek an image as being very liberal and open-minded, to attract seekers no doubt. Once within the community however, you are very limited in terms of how you should feel about any aspect of life... it has to be the "Baha'i Way" or no way. In fact, you may find yourself in a ridiculous situation if you have unique family situations...

Are you adopted? Oh, too bad if you were wanting to get married.... Better hope you can track down your biological

parents, or you will face a real nightmare, because you need their permission before you can marry if they are still living. If they, let's say, don't like "negroes" and you want to marry interracially, then despite the fact that they have never seen you before in their lives (because they dumped you at an orphanage) you are forbidden to marry, and face severe penalities if you do so anyways. Have you, or anyone you know, had an experience where you faced a four fold conflict with: the love of your life, a biological parent you've never met (or a hard-headed parent with predjuices against your love's race), the Baha'i religious administration, and your own conscience.

Nowhere does the injustice and absurdity of Baha'i law become more obvious than on the issue of homosexuality. This statement from Shoghi Effendi about homosexuality is truly moronic:

No matter how devoted and fine the love may be between people of the same sex, to let it find expression in sexual acts is wrong. To say that it is ideal is no excuse. Immorality of every sort is really forbidden by Baha'u'llah, and homosexual relationships he looks upon as such, besides being against nature...To be afflicted this way is a great burden to a conscientious soul. But through the advice and help doctors, through a strong and determined effort, and through prayer, a soul can overcome this handicap.

There is not a shred of evidence for the assertion in the last sentence. Yet, as a Baha'i, one must accept that claim as absolute truth and ignore the evidence that suggests otherwise. Why? Simply because Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, was said to be infallible!

The Universal House of Justice (UHJ) says about the same issue:

http://bahai-library.org/uhj/homosexuality.uhj.html

The Universal House of Justice is authorized to change or repeal its own legislation as conditions change, thus providing Baha'i law with an essential element of flexibility, but it cannot abrogate or change any of the laws which are explicitly laid down in the sacred Texts. It follows, then that the House of Justice has no authority to change this clear teaching on homosexual practice.

Then why bother to have a UHJ at all? It is toothless!

The view that homosexuality is a condition that is not amenable to change is to be questioned by Baha'is. There are, of course, many kinds and degrees of homosexuality, and overcoming extreme conditions is sure to be more difficult than overcoming others. Nevertheless, as noted earlier, the Guardian has stated that "through the advice and help of doctors, through a strong and determined effort, and through prayer, a soul can overcome this handicap."

The statistics which indicate that homosexuality is incurable are undoubtedly distorted by the fact that many of those who overcome the problem never speak about it in public, and others solve their problems without even consulting professional counselors.

Again, no evidence, just assertions. The fact that there is a homosexual community even in the face of overwhelming opposition from conservative religious and political forces means that we must reject the Baha'i assumptions in the name of true justice.
From the same letter by the UHJ:

To regard homosexuals with prejudice and disdain would be entirely against the spirit of Baha'i Teachings. The doors are open for all of humanity to enter the Cause of God, irrespective of their present circumstances; this invitation

applies to homosexuals as well as to any others who are engaged in practices contrary to the Baha'i Teachings.

More doublespeak. No thanks, we need better honesty than that.

We need to free ourselves from this sort of dogmatic extremism, not allow ourselves to be led into it once more by idealistic seduction. Do Baha'i teachers tell seekers about their teachings of homosexuality? If I were gay, I would never join any religion that didn't respect a basic part of my character!

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BAHA'IS MUST REJECT THE GUARDIANSHIP!

In previous blog entries, I have stated in many ways what has gone wrong with the religion known as the Baha'i Faith. After carefully considering the movement called the **Unitarian Bahai Association**, I have reached the conclusion that the only way to save the Baha'i Faith from ultimate destruction is to completely reject the concept of the Guardianship. And here is why:

Baha'u'llah left a Will and Testament known as the Book of the Covenant. Its sole purpose was to define who would be the leaders of the Faith after his passing.

http://info.bahai.org/article-1-3-3-1.html

{{{The Will of the divine Testator is this: It is incumbent upon the Aghsan, the Afnan and My kindred to turn, one and all, their faces towards the Most Mighty Branch. Consider that which We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book: 'When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed, Who hath branched from this Ancient Root'. The object of this sacred verse is none other except the Most Mighty Branch [`Abdu'l-Bahá]. Thus have We graciously revealed unto you our potent Will, and I am verily the Gracious, the All-Powerful. Verily God hath ordained the station of the Greater Branch [Muhammad 'Ali] to be beneath that of the Most Great Branch [`Abdu'l-Bahá]. He is in truth the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have chosen 'the Greater' after 'the Most Great', as decreed by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All Informed.}}}

This is entirely reasonable, that Abdu'l-Baha as the eldest son of Baha'ullah would be the leader and that Muhammad Ali as the second eldest living son would be his lieutenant (above all other Baha'is in rank) and eventual successor. But then Abdu'l-Baha totally rejected any authority whatsoever for his brother and claimed ALL authority for himself alone, thus violating Baha'u'llah's will. If Abdu'l-Baha was at all justifed in that, then why did Baha'u'llah mention his second surviving son by name at all in the Will?

Most of Baha'u'llah's family came to realize this problem and rejected Abdu'l-Baha's absolutism, thus being labled Covenant-breakers by him. But that wouldn't have happened if Abdu'l-Baha had not violated the Covenant first. He should have shared power with his brother and did not!

Decades later, Abdu'l-Baha, having successfully forced most Baha'is to follow him alone, would write his own Will and Testament to contradict and invalidate the one of his father. And in doing so, he would set the Baha'i Faith on a path to ultimate ruin!

http://info.bahai.org/article-1-3-4-5.html

{{{O my loving friends! After the passing away of this wronged one, it is incumbent upon the Agh s an (Branches), the Afnan (Twigs) of the Sacred Lote-Tree, the Hands (pillars) of the Cause of God and the loved ones of the Abha Beauty to turn unto Shoghi Effendi — the youthful branch branched from the two hallowed and sacred Lote-Trees and the fruit grown from the union of the two offshoots of the Tree of Holiness, — as he is the sign of God, the chosen branch, the guardian of the Cause of God, he unto whom all the Agh s an, the Afnan, the Hands of the Cause of God and His loved ones must turn. He is the expounder of the words of God and after him will succeed the first-born of his lineal descendants.}}}

Note that! Muhammad Ali was not yet dead, so Abdu'l-Baha had NO right to appoint someone else to succeed him as leader! Especially someone as young as Shoghi Effendi!

{{{The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and

unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both). Whatsoever they decide is of God. Whoso obeyeth him not, neither obeyeth them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelleth against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposeth him hath opposed God; whoso contendeth with them hath contended with God; whoso disputeth with him hath disputed with God; whoso denieth him hath denied God; whoso disbelieveth in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviateth, separateth himself and turneth aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God. May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rest upon him! The mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe through obedience to him who is the guardian of the Cause of God. It is incumbent upon the members of the House of Justice, upon all the Aghsan, the Afnan, the Hands of the Cause of God to show their obedience, submissiveness and subordination unto the guardian of the Cause of God, to turn unto him and be lowly before him. He that opposeth him hath opposed the True One, will make a breach in the Cause of God, will subvert His Word and will become a manifestation of the Center of Sedition. Beware, beware, lest the days after the ascension (of Bahá'u'lláh) be repeated when the Center of Sedition waxed haughty and rebellious and with Divine Unity for his excuse deprived himself and perturbed and poisoned others. No doubt every vainglorious one that purposeth dissension and discord will not openly declare his evil purposes, nay rather, even as impure gold, would he seize upon divers measures and various pretexts that he may separate the gathering of the people of Baha. My object is to show that the Hands of the Cause of God must be ever watchful and so soon as they find anyone beginning to oppose and protect against the guardian of the Cause of God, cast him out from the congregation of the people of Baha and in no wise accept any excuse from him. How often hath grievous error been disguised in the garb of truth, that it might sow the seeds of doubt in the hearts of men!}}}

Just as Abdu'l-Baha was profoundly wrong to assume absolute authority for himself and to share none with his brother, he was even more wrong to pass on that same authority to his eldest grandson, who, by the standards of Baha'u'llah himself, didn't deserve it! Abdu'l-Baha equated any questioning of his absolute power with being in league with the "Center of Sedition", which is what he falsely labled Muhammad Ali. Thus, far from being the "Center of the Covenant" as Baha'is call him, Abdu'l-Baha was actually the **ultimate covenant breaker!** Most of Shoghi Effendi's own relatives (including other grandchildren of Abdu'l-Baha) slowly came to realize this and rejected his bogus authority, and were labled covenant breakers by him as a result.

{{{O ye beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon the guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all wordly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words: — "The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him.

The Hands of the Cause of God must elect from their own number nine persons that shall at all times be occupied in the important services in the work of the guardian of the Cause of God. The election of these nine must be carried either unanimously or by majority from the company of the Hands of the Cause of God and these, whether unanimously or by a majority vote, must give their assent to the choice of the one whom the guardian of the Cause of God hath chosen as his successor. This assent must be given in such wise as the assenting and dissenting voices may not be distinguished. (i.e., secret ballot)

O friends! The Hands of the Cause of God must be nominated and appointed by the guardian of the Cause of God. All must be under his shadow and obey his command. Should any, within or without the company of the Hands of the Cause of God disobey and seek division, the wrath of God and His vengeance will be upon him, for he will have caused a breach in the true Faith of God.}}}

I have already written how Shoghi Effendi, by his own actions and inactions, made it impossible for another Guardian to take his place after his passing.

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority/

Since the only purpose of Abdu'l-Baha's establishing the Guardianship was to prevent Muhammad Ali from ever taking his rightful place as Abdu'l-Baha's successor, the Guardianship itself is not a valid concept for Baha'is to follow. Not the Baha'is of the Haifa based Administrative Order, nor any of the splinter groups that arose after Shoghi Effendi's passing to follow false Guardians who were not even descended from Baha'ullah at all. NONE of them are legitimate, because they falsely claim that the Baha'is ever needed or need now to be led by a Guardian! And that is a basic teaching of the newly formed Unitarian Bahai Association.

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/why-we-need-a-unitarian-bahai-faith/

Shoghi Effendi took the absolute authority his grandfather gave him and ran with it, with disasterous results:

http://bahai-covenant.blogspot.com/2009/04/divorced-from-institution-of.html

{{{Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh would be mutilated and permanently deprived of that hereditary principle which, as 'Abdu'l-Bahá has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God. "In all the Divine Dispensations," He states, in a Tablet addressed to a follower of the Faith in Persia, "the eldest son hath been given extraordinary distinctions. Even the station of prophethood hath been his birthright." Without such an institution the integrity of the Faith would be imperiled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. Its prestige would suffer, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to define the sphere of the legislative action of its elected representatives would be totally withdrawn. (The World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 148) }}}

Ever since Shoghi Effendi's death and his failure to appoint a successor, Baha'is who follow the Guardianship-less Universal House of Justice in Haifa have claimed that the institution of the Guardianship remains even though the Guardian does not live, since we have his writings to guide us. **BULL$#IT!** If the President of the United States dies and no one succeeds him to the office of President, does the institution of the Presidency still exist? OF COURSE NOT!

I will say this as loudly as I possibly can: **Baha'is do not need a Guardianship!** In fact, we need to undo EVERYTHING Shoghi Effendi did and start over! We also need to REJECT the assumption of infalliblity and absolute authority of Abdu'l-Baha and just study the writings of Baha'u'llah himself to understand what he originally intended for Baha'is before it was corrupted. The Covenant of Baha'ullah was already broken by both Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, so why bother with the concept of a Covenant at all?

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BATTLING WITH WAHID AZAL ON VIMEO TOO

Having won my fight with **Wahid Azal over my YouTube channel** (it was restored on December 6), I focused on the podcast he and I made together that I suspected all along was the real target of his efforts to suppress me. So I uploaded another copy of it to **my channel on Vimeo** (the same channel I posted most of my "Debbie and Carrie" episodes to during my exile from YouTube) and then **announced what I had done** in r/exbahai.

And what happened next was no surprise!

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So it was confirmed, he was desperate to get rid of that podcast!

Naturally, I fought back as a matter of principle. And that led to this interesting exchange:

Aaron (Vimeo Trust & Safety)

Dec 9, 2021, 6:10 AM EST

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Dale Husband

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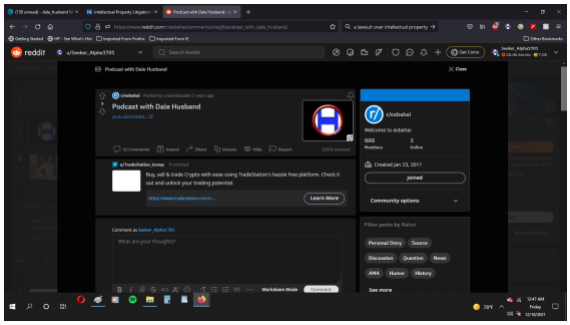
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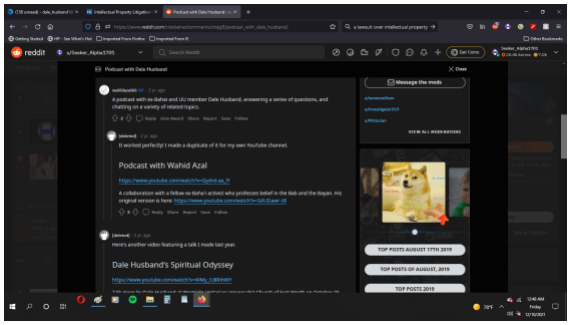
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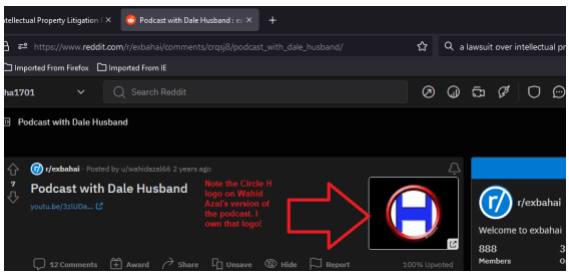
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Dear Rohit,
Thank you for the update.
Below are screenshots from when Wahid Azal posted in the exbahai subreddit about the podcast in question. As you can see, his claim in the present day that he owns exclusively the copyright to the podcast is disproved by the fact that the podcast's original title has MY name in it and its thumbnail had MY Circle H logo on it. I have also included a full sized pic of the logo, complete with my name and a copyright symbol on it. When Wahid Azal put my logo on that podcast, it was legally made mine and his attempts to suppress the material years later by filing false copyright claims against it on both YouTube and Vimeo violate MY intellectual property rights.
Dale Husband






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Note the Circle H logo on Wahid Azal's version of the podcast. I own that logo!
r/exbahai
Welcome to exbahai



Rohit (Vimeo Trust & Safety)

Dec 10, 2021, 2:56 AM EST

Hi Dale,Thanks for the clarification!

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We have considered your counter-notice and processed the same.

Sincerely,
Rohit

Dear Rohit,
If you want damning proof of what a liar and a hypocrite Wahid Azal is, just look at this video on your own platform:

Dale Husband is a Baha'i Troll Working for the BIA



Dale Husband is a Baha'i Troll Working for the BIA

That video, like many others he made, contains slander against me.....and he also put MY Circle H logo on it!
I want it removed!
Dale Husband

Rohit (Vimeo Trust & Safety)

Dec 10, 2021, 4:09 AM EST

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We trust that this concludes this matter.

Sincerely,
Rohit

Dear Rohit.
Yes, I am quite satisfied, for now. Not to mention impressed at the swiftness of your response!
Soon enough I will continue my battle with Wahid Azal to get that podcast he and I made together back so I can use it to completely discredit him and prove what a two-faced backstabber he has been for many years. That's why he is desperate to suppress that material. But that's not your fight, of course.....you and the other admin at both YouTube and Vimeo are merely the referees.
Dale Husband

Rohit (Vimeo Trust & Safety)

Dec 10, 2021, 4:27 AM EST

You're very welcome!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Rohit

And THAT is why I now think Vimeo is the better platform for

posting videos on. They are FAR more responsive to their users than YouTube ever was!

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BECOMING A MOD AT R/EXBAHAI

Last month, I was promoted to be the newest moderator at the exBaha'i subreddit.

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/

Having to protect that group from intruders and trolls while also keeping it a safe space for freedom of speech is a delicate balancing act.

My first test of my abilities was here:

> Interesting Baha'i discussion on term convert
> byu/TrwyAdenauer3rd inexbahai

Which was a crosspost from here in r/bahai:

> The terms "convert" and "conversion"
> byu/Narvi_- inbahai

The discussion in r/exbahai began with this:

> TrwyAdenauer3rd
>
> To me reflects that many Baha'is outright disagree with, are unaware of, or are just embarrassed by the conservative nature of the Faith as outlined by Shoghi Effendi.
>
> Similarly many Baha'is take umbrage at covenant-breaking being equated with excommunication despite Shoghi Effendi and his secrataries comments in various places, i.e.:
>
> *That Document, furthermore, lauds the courage and constancy of the supporters of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant; expatiates on the sufferings endured by its appointed Center; recalls the infamous conduct of Mírzá Yaḥyá and his failure to heed the warnings of the Báb; exposes, in a series of indictments, the perfidy and rebellion of Mírzá Muḥammad-'Alí, and the complicity of his son Shu'á'u'lláh and of his brother Mírzá Badí'u'lláh; reaffirms their excommunication, and predicts the frustration of all their hopes; summons the Afnán (the Báb's kindred), the Hands of the Cause and the entire company of the followers of Bahá'u'lláh to arise unitedly to propagate His Faith, to disperse far and wide, to labor tirelessly and to follow the heroic example of the Apostles of Jesus Christ;*
>
> *https://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/shoghi-effendi/god-passes-by/24#229666135*

As regards the matter of those who have withdrawn from the Faith on the west coast: as you know, no one has the right to excommunicate anybody except the Guardian of the Faith, himself.

https://reference.bahai.org/en/t/se/MC/mc-276.html?query=excommunicate&action=highlight#gr1

There are two things which he wishes to impress upon you. The first is that depriving people of their voting rights is the heaviest sanction which can be imposed at the present time (with the exception of excommunication, which is a right the Guardian has never permitted anyone else to exercise). Therefore, the greatest care should be exerted to try and remedy a situation before depriving anybody of their voting rights, and the action itself should only be taken if absolutely necessary.

https://reference.bahai.org/en/t/se/MC/mc-263.html?query=excommunication&action=highlight#gr1

Then the Baha'i who started the original discussion in r/bahai attacked us.

Narvi_-

Do not cross post my posts on here — this is not your discussion.

TrwyAdenauer3rd

You posted it on reddit, you can't stop anyone from discussing it elsewhere on the internet (as much as Baha'is would like to be able to ban all discussion outside of on-rails Ruhi book skits and cheesy promotional videos from Haifa).

You could follow the advice given to people who post critical content on r/bahai and find somewhere else to complain about not being able to censor the internet.

I cordially invite you to adopt a humble posture of learning to advance the process of learning about unleashing the society building engine of limitless potentialities.

Narvi_-

This is a discussion I as a Baha'i am having with other Baha'is, it was not for people like you to use and misrepresent for your own agendas.

There were a lot of other things said, but I will jump ahead to where I entered the conflict.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Mod

exBaha'i atheist

That's enough! I will start moderating this place until you agree to either engage this discussion properly or

simply go away.

Narvi_-

Haifan Baha'i

This is literally one of the last places on Reddit that I want to be. I'm only here to tell you to leave my content alone.

Seeker_Alpha1701

exBaha'i atheist

Do not be telling others what to do. If you don't want your content reposted, DON'T MAKE IT PUBLIC. It's really that simple. He did nothing wrong here.....but you did!

Rosette9

agnostic exBaha'i

Good grief! Nothing *nothing* made me realize how toxic the Baha'i Faith is like seeing how exBaha'is are treated on this forum.

You can't discuss that! Those are Baha'i words, you can't use those words! I forbid it! You can't think about things I tell you not to think! Stop reflecting on your experiences and discussing your thoughts in a supportive community!

They claim to have the solution to world peace, but cannot handle a democratic discussion from a differing perspective □

Amir_Raddsh

If you posted it, so it will be crossposted anywhere. If you don't want this, so you can 1- erase your post 2- cry out to the UHJ and ask them to create their own Bahá'í social network with their FULL censorship as they are specialists on it. LOL

I did delete several comments, but otherwise kept my cool.

Round two;

Leftist ex-Bahais: Do you not see the parallels between leftism and (Haifan) Baha'ism?
byu/trident765 inexbahai

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> exBaha'i atheist
>
> What are you talking about? Leftist politics are normally about using government as a social tool to bring about legal equality amongst people of different races, classes, genders, and religions. It's not about censorship, which is a tool used by authoritarian states, not leftist ones.
>
> The so-called "Communist" states in the 20th Century that claimed to be leftist were scams that simply replaced the ruling classes that ruled before Communism with the Communist parties themselves. George Orwell wrote Animal Farm to discredit that sort of nonsense.
>
> Your claims and arguments make no sense whatsoever. Indeed, the Haifan Baha'i leadership strikes me as more right-wing than leftist. A true leftist leadership wouldn't deny women the chance to get elected to it or insist on suppressing LGBT rights or expel "Covenant breakers" merely for dissenting from the leadership.
>
> The idea that leftists want to suppress small businesses with individual owners is news to me too. What leftists hate are giant CORPORATIONS which are a basic component of modern capitalism and corporations are collective entities just like governments.....except they are NEVER democratic, because workers don't get to elect their bosses.
>
> Don't get politics confused with religion, please. That's what Conservatives have been doing and I'm fed up with it!

There was a lot more said there. After a while, I locked the comments there because things were getting too heated, and then unlocked them a few hours later. Trident reacted to my attempts to keep things orderly like this:

> Most people on r/exbahai are idolators
> byu/trident765 inFreeSpeechBahai

Nice libel, eh?

Round three also involved trident.

> Saskatoon religious volunteer admits sexually exploiting 16-year-old girl – Court heard the man met the girl while volunteering in Saskatoon's Bahá'í Community in 2015, when he was 29 years old.
> byu/A35821363 inexbahai

He started off with:

> trident765
>
> Unitarian Baha'i
>
> The thing he/they did wrong is not getting married first. It is ridiculous to put 16 year olds in the same category as children. She was not "exploited".

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> exBaha'i atheist
>
> I've been told that most people's minds don't fully mature until their 20s, so most teens are easily manipulated by adults to become their tools....which is why most criminal gangs are composed of teens. A desperately lonely and confused teen can be seduced into sex with an adult that only wants to exploit them.

I was referring to this:

Being Better Educated and Changing my Opinion

> trident765
>
> Unitarian Baha'i
>
> If this were true then every guy would be manipulating teen girls, myself included. The fact is that it is in fact extremely difficult to manipulate a 16 year old girl, because at that point she has gone through puberty and has developed defense mechanisms against it. If you think that you as an old creep are capable of seducing a teen girl, then you are delusional.

Like he has ever been a teenage girl?!

> Seeker_Alpha1701
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> exBaha'i atheist
>
> *If this were true then every guy would be manipulating teen girls, myself included.*
>
> OMG!!! Like guys cannot CHOOSE NOT to be abusers of girls and women?! WTF is wrong with you?!

> No, don’t bother answering because you are about to be BLOCKED!

I didn’t have the ability to ban him outright from r/exbahai, so blocking him from being able to contact me was as much as I could do. Well, that and lock some of the comments.

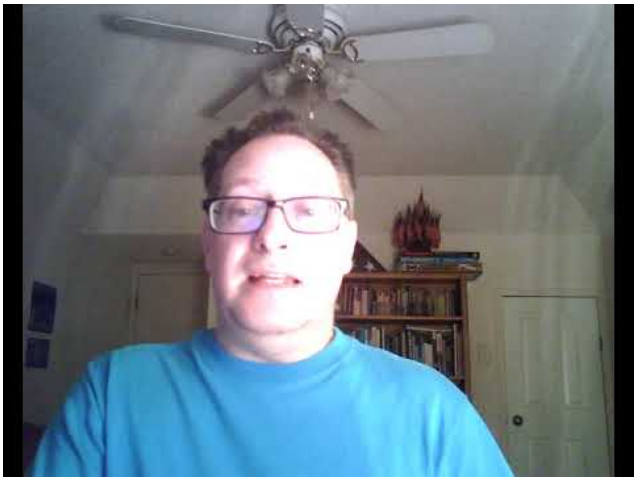
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BETRAYED BY WAHID AZAL (PODCAST)

☐ Video:



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Hello. I am Dale Husband, and today I'd like to talk about a certain individual known across the internet as Wahid Azal. Last month, he and I were friends and we made a podcast together in which we discussed the Baha'i Faith and I also talked briefly about my allegiance to Unitarian Universalism. A link to that is below in the description.

☐ Video:



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Well, a couple of weeks after this, Wahid was banned from the ExBahai subreddit, a link to which is also below,

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/

and this was done for him fighting with another member and also making threats at the moderators of the subreddit. I expressed my profound disappointment over this, since he had clearly brought this punishment on himself.
His response to this was to turn completely against me and begin to attack me in the most ridiculous terms. A link to the blog entry documenting this is also below.

https://dalehusband.com/2019/09/02/wahid-azal-slanders-me-and-others-in-reddit/

Not content with this slander, he further defamed my character with a second video in which he accused me of somehow being racist. A link to THAT video is also below, so watch that diatribe and then come back and finish this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlbtJCJHAM8
OK? Question: How could it have been acceptable for him to collaborate with me only a month before and then begin slamming me for views and perspectives I do NOT have and he cannot prove I have regarding race relations? The

simple truth is that Wahid Azal has always had a psychotic, bigoted hatred of white people. Now, of course white people in power have been responsible for a great many evil things over the past several centuries. Does that mean that ALL white people should be condemned for what their ancestors have done? Wahid Azal clearly thinks so. He only found me useful because of my devastating attacks against the Baha'i Faith, and thus I was an outlier to him, one of the "good" white people. Much like a white supremacist like Donald Trump can find "good" blacks useful to them even while demonizing blacks in general, such as Barack Obama. But the moment I stopped being useful to Azal, he began to treat me instead like he has always treated white people, as an enemy.

In addition to slandering me, he also attacked a reddit user named "Christian ExBahai" for being a white American and also repeatedly accused the moderators of the exbahai subreddit of being "gatekeepers" working for the Haifan Bahai leadership in some fashion. There is NO evidence for that claim either and it is certainly irrational for anyone to assume that all white people by their very nature MUST be racist. What would you call someone who asserts things as truth that are not factual?

His anger towards me stems solely from my refusing to be one of his few sycophants. Indeed, I am a sycophant to NO ONE; I am always my own person. If you work with me, we must be equals, I don't blindly follow anyone. If he was thinking of me in those lowly terms, then he was wrong.

Many times he addressed me as a brother in our battles against the Baha'i Faith, but the thing about being someone's brother is that you don't allow simple disagreements to pull you apart from that other person. Wahid Azal is a liar, backstabber and bigot and no one should ever take his insane rants seriously.

Now, I have to wonder if others have also been betrayed and backstabbed by Wahid Azal just as I was. If that has happened to you, please send your story to dale_husband1@att.net and If I get one or more of those stories in the next few weeks, I will publish them in a future blog entry. In any case, beware of that extremist. Trust him at your peril.

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CONFRONTING SCOTT HAKALA ON QUORA

Quora is a social media site where people can pose questions on all sorts of subjects and get answers from others. One of the most frequent posters on it is Scott Hakala, a Baha'i apologist.

Before I tell about my fight with him there, I must supply a bit of background.
For more than a year and a half after I made an account on reddit, Hakala, using the pseudonym "DavidBinOwen", would often invade the ExBaha'i subreddit and relentlessly attack its members with counter arguments to things they would write. Then after wreaking havoc for a few days or weeks, he would disappear only to return weeks or months later. Things got so frustrating that Wahid Azal decided to do something to force the admin of that subreddit to deal with Hakala once and for all. So he posted these:
https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cnzclf/why_are_the_moderators_of_this_site_consistently/

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/co4u00/beware_non_and_exbahais_of_this_subreddit/

I knew this might lead to Azal being banned from the subreddit, so to prevent that, I sent private messages to all the admin, playing "good cop" to Wahid Azal's "bad cop". My efforts paid off; nothing was done to Azal, but Hakala was FINALLY banned permanently from the subreddit.

Later, another member posted this:
https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/crntdh/when_will_bahais_open_up_their_minds_to_the_fact/

Never one to let something go unchallenged, Scott Hakala addressed this on Quora.

https://www.quora.com/When-will-Bahais-open-up-their-minds-to-the-fact-that-the-Bayan-is-full-of-verses-refuting-Bahaullahs-claim

> Baha'is have open minds, but a Baha'i should never accept the assertion implied in the question since it is not true. Baha'u'llah proved He was the Promised One (Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest or *Man yuzhiruhu'llah in Arabic*) of the Persian Bayan, and provided such independent evidences and proofs that there is no such realistic argument.
>
> The Bab in a number of places in His Writings referred to Baha'u'llah and Baha and anticipated the imminent appearance of Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest after year eight and His declaration around the nineteenth year of the Babi Dispensation (1844–1863). This is discussed at length by Professor Nader Saiedi (UCLA) in *Gate of the Heart*, 2008, throughout the text but particularly in Chapters 11, 12, and 13 and is also discussed in Taherzaden,The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, Volume 2, Chapter 17.
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> For these and other reasons, the followers of the Bab generally expected the imminent appearance of another Messenger of God relatively soon after the Bab's martyrdom (which He also anticipated in His Writings and recorded statements). Consistent with this expectation, according to Dr. Momen in the Cyprus Exiles (The Cyprus Exiles), more than 90% of the followers of the Bab (Babi's) that remained faithful and survived the persecution became Baha'is and recognized Baha'u'llah as the Promised Messenger of God mentioned throughout the Persian Bayan. Moreover, the Bab's surviving maternal uncles and other relatives also recognized Baha'u'llah as the Promised One in the Persian Bayan.
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> Baha'u'llah, Himself, addressed this issue in the Kitab-i-Badi. (See Kitáb-i-Badí' – Wikipedia; this is addressed at length by Professor Nader Saiedi (UCLA) in *Logos and Civilization*, 2000, Chapter 6 and by Adib Taherzadeh, *The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, Vol. 2 Adrianople 1863-68* (Oxford: Ronald, 1972), Chapter 17 The

Kitab-i-Badi) Regarding this issue, Adib Taherzadeh writes:

> "But the major part of the book [Kitab-i-Badi] is devoted to the exalted theme of 'Him Whom God shall make manifest', Bahá'u'lláh, the Promised One of the Bayán. Bahá'u'lláh quotes numerous passages from the Writings of the Báb in which He extols the station, the glory, the transcendental majesty and the authority of 'Him Whom God shall make manifest'. It suffices to quote only a few passages from the Writings of the Báb all of which Bahá'u'lláh quotes in the Kitáb-i-Badí'. It should be noted that the Báb's Writings are replete with similar statements about Bahá'u'lláh:
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> "I have written down in My mention of Him* these gem-like words: 'No allusion of Mine can allude unto Him, neither anything mentioned in the Bayán.'...Exalted and glorified is He above the power of any one to reveal Him except Himself, or the description of any of His creatures. I Myself am but the first servant to believe in Him and in His signs, and to partake of the sweet savours of His words from the first-fruits of the Paradise of His knowledge. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth. There is none other God but Him. All have arisen at His bidding."5
>
> The study of the Kitáb-i-Badí' makes it clear that the purpose of the Báb in revealing Himself was none other than to prepare His followers for the coming of Bahá'u'lláh. There are many passages in the Writings of the Báb in which He makes a firm covenant with His followers concerning 'Him Whom God shall make manifest'." Taherzade, The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, Volume 2, Chapter 17

The Bab, Himself, confirmed this indirectly in the Tablet to Mullá Muhammad Báqir-i Tabrízí wherein the Bab promised Mulla Baqir that the the Mulla would meet and recognize the Promised One and moreover alluded to Baha'u'llah's name and the timing of His appearance. (See An Introduction to Tablet of Mulla Baqir.) The fact that Mulla Baqir did meet Baha'u'llah in Baghdad and recognized Baha'u'llah as the Promised One of the Bayan before Baha'u'llah's Declaration in 1863 is both fulfillment of the Bab's prophesy and proof that Baha'u'llah was the Promised One of the Bayan.

> "He [Mulla Baqir} received a letter from the Báb saying he would attain "Him whom God shall make manifest" in the year 'eight' (1268 AH). Soon after Bahá'u'lláh's release from the Siyáh-Chál of Tihran, Mullah Baqir obtained His presence and quickly became a believer and teacher of the Cause. Most of his teaching with was based in Adhirbayjan." Letters of the Living – Wikipedia

Given a full and fair reading of the Writings and warnings of the Bab, I believe that it is impossible to believe in the Bab as a Messenger of God and not logically accept that Baha'u'llah is the Promised One (Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest or *Man yuzhiruhu'llah in Arabic*) repeatedly foretold of in the Bab's Writings and Who is the focus of the Persian Bayan. Indeed, so clear are the Bab's proclamations and warnings, to reject Baha'u'llah is to violate the Covenant of the Bab set forth in the Perisan Bayan (as He warned in that text; see Taherzadeh, Revelation of Baha'u'llah, Volume 1, Chapter 19 Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest).

Baha'i scholars (and even many scholars who are not Baha'i) unanimously recognize that Baha'u'llah is the Promised Messenger of God (Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest or *Man yuzhiruhu'llah in Arabic*) mentioned throughout the Persian Bayan. In a recent course in the first half of 2019 on the Persian Bayan (provided by the Wilmette Institute, one of the instructors, Shahrokh Monjazeb) additional provisional translations of the Persian Bayan were provided that demonstrated that much of the Persian Bayan was addressed to the Promised Messenger of God (Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest or *Man yuzhiruhu'llah* in Arabic) mentioned throughout the Persian Bayan. It was furthermore demonstrated that the Bab referred to Baha'u'llah in that text and in other texts (including in the Arabic Bayan). Moreover, the Persian Bayan explicitly warns the followers of the Bab to not dispute with the Promised One or contest any claimant and

explicitly indicates that only the Promised One would be capable of fully understanding the Bayan. (Prof. Nader Saiedi, Gate of the Heart, p. 64, also footnote 60 to Chapter 1).

The false interpretations and assertions regarding the Persian Bayan were made by followers of Mirza Yahya (aka Azal). Contrary to Azali/Bayani assertions, Mirza Yahya made his own claim to be the Promised One but later withdrew that claim when it became apparent to many that Mirza Yayha lacked the abilities required. These false assertions and interpretations are addressed at length in the Kitab-i-Badi (Kitáb-i-Badí' – Wikipedia) written by Baha'u'llah (discussed by Professor Nader Saiedi (UCLA) in *Logos and Civilization – Spirit, History, and Order in the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh* (2000). "Chapter 6: The Kitab-i-Badi': The Promise Fulfilled", pp. 175–210.; also discussed by Adib Taherzadeh as discussed in Revelation of Baha'u'llah, Volume II, p. 373.

This was noticed and commented on here:
https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/csg6q7/scott_hakalas_answer_to_the_question_when_will/

Which prompted me to go after Hakala.

All you are doing in quoting from the Baha'i Writings you already blindly accept as true. That is a non-starter.

If you constantly take at face value the CLAIMS made by religious leaders and propaganda writers, you will always blindly follow what they teach, which is exactly what they want you to do, even if they are outright con artists. That's why there are so many religions and divisions within religions.

Claims are all you have EVER posted with regards to the "history" of the Baha'i Faith. Remember, Baha'is are under strict orders to shun "covenant breakers". Since Baha'is of different factions are not allowed to talk to each other, that creates a situation in which they can live in their own universes created out of nothing by the propaganda writers that wrote all sorts of stories about Baha'u'llah, Abdu'l-Baha, Mirza Muhammad Ali, Mirza Yahya, Shoghi Effendi, and numerous others. Truth is meaningless in this context.

He responded with this:

Whether you like it or not, the prohibition against associating with covenant-breakers exists in the Baha'i Writings in multiple places and, if I am a Baha'i, I must abide by it to not associate with covenant-breakers. I have had sufficient experience to know the wisdom in the guidance. That does not mean I also should ignore the arguments and be unaware of them, contrary to your suggestion.

In this case, I actually participated in a lengthy and detailed course on the Persian Bayan with persons fluent in Persian and Arabic at a scholarly level earlier this year. The so-called evidence and claims made in the Azali/Bayani texts are simply interpretations that are not credible and are clearly contradicted by the text itself and other Writings of the Bab. They take on interpretation of one passage based on an erroneous numerological calculation while ignoring multiple other passages that clearly are consistent with Baha'u'llah appearing after year 8 and declaring in year 19 of the Babi Dispensation. The Tablet to Mull Baqir alone answered the very same question clearly and promised Mully Baqir that the Mulla would meet the Promised One after year eight and, furthermore, would come to recognize the Promised One of the Persian Bayan. Mulla Baquir met Baha'u'llah in Iraq before Baha'u'llah declared and recognized Baha'u'llah as the Promised One.

Therefore, if I believe in the Bab (which I do) then the Bab's own interpretation of His own Writings should be decisive in this matter. There are, in fact, numerous allusions to Baha'u'llah found in the authenticated Writings of the Bab.

First of all, I am entitled to give the most weight to those documents and testimonies that are credible and not

the incredible or proven false. Everyone does this according to their understanding and beliefs. My sources are academic in nature and consistent with what most people agree with today (including neutrals who are not Baha'is but also not so hostile as to be prejudiced against Baha'is). You seem to give the most weight to the least credible and most discredited sources as long as they support your narrative to attack and discredit the Baha'i Faith and then support the most offensive positions asserted by others.

There is an internal consistency in the Baha'i Faith's position throughout that is missing in the positions of the various covenant-breaker groups. Moreover, I have known of and associated with many of the scholars and individuals cited sufficiently to trust their judgement and knowledge and still have tested it accordingly.

Second, Baha'is can read and understand what the covenant breakers are saying, contrary to your assertions. Due to the spiritual effect, it is not something I recommend or do frequently, but I certainly attempt to understand all arguments. When a person breaks the covenant of Baha'u'llah (or even more extreme apostacy) I have found that person will be stripped of the moral and spiritual guidance and often hate the light and attack it. The Covenant of Baha'u'llah has been upheld in courts of law and recognized by certain countries now. I do not understand how a group of persons who violated the covenant that is so clearly written (and it was clearly written) by Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha can be found to be credible. This is especially so when the various covenant breakers of each generation often met and conspired with persons that they did not agree with and had previously or continued to condemn.

Finally, I have made clear the bases for my beliefs and at least outlined some fraction of the evidences and proofs both logically and from a personal experience (which I am entitled to rely upon based on the documented facts but don't expect others to accept it). If I believe Baha'u'llah is the Messenger of God for this Day, then I have to accept and give the most weight to those conclusions and narrative consistent with His Writings.

Mirza Yahya, by his own behavior, discredited himself in numerous instances. He had, by all accounts, lost most of the Babis and even most of his family by the time of his death. See The Cyprus Exiles. He even made claims to be Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest and then retracted those claims when it became clear he had no loyal following willing to accept such claims (He even attempted to "complete" the Bayan which, in itself, is a claim to be the Promised One.). He directed persons to commit murder and then tried to deflect blame on others. Numerous persons witnessed these facts and attested to them. He demonstrated a consistent lack of evidence of leadership or knowledge and lack of courage in stark contrast with Baha'u'llah. He would labor for days to write a limited text or commentary that Baha'u'llah could reveal by recitation in mere hours without any aid, forethought, or preparation and in a language and style Mirza Yahya could never match.

Baha'u'llah anticipated the end of the Aghsan (male descendants of Baha'u'llah in good standing) in His Writings. Baha'u'llah warned the members of His family quite clearly in the Kitab-i-'Ahd. This is something Prof. Nader Saiedi (UCLA) wrote about in his Logos text around 2000. Mirza Muhammad Ali was warned by Baha'u'llah directly in person and again in a Tablet to Mirza Muhammad Ali that is well-known that he would be cast out and "dead" if he strayed from the Covenant. (This is discussed in Revelation of Baha'u'llah, Vol 1, Chapter 9, pp. 128–137), Mirza Badi'u'llah even testified in 1907 to some of what Mirza Muhammad Ali did in An Epistle to the Bahá'í World. The number of respected and credible documents supporting the fact that Mirza Muhammad Ali cursed 'Abdu'l-Baha, was jealous and ambitious, altered and fabricated documents, and made false reports to the Ottoman and then British authorities is widely recognized.

The members of 'Abdu'l-Baha's family were similarly warned, including in the Will & Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha. It was made clear to them to not associate with those that violated the covenant. Yet, certain family members chose to marry into such families and then they and the remaining family chose to associate with

covenant-breakers and also married into families hostile to the Faith. They privately were haughty and arrogant towards Shoghi Effendi, as is well-documented by Redmond in his books of accounts by the pilgrims and in Ruhiyyih Khanum's accounts. They resented the fact that Shoghi Effendi married someone from the West instead of a person or someone from Persia in the Faith.

The contrast between the happiness, joy, love, truthfulness, and respect I observe generally among faithful Baha'is and the anger, spite, hatred, envy, and deviousness among those attacking or disaffected from the Faith is quite clear. I make no pretense all Baha'is are that way or I am always that way, but I have witnessed enough in 40 years now to see the stark difference and note it fairly.

I made a comment in response and then made a copy of it in reddit, only to discover later that Hakala had my answers DELETED from where they were originally posted! THE COWARD!

Anyway, here is that response:

> "Therefore, if I believe in the Bab (which I do) then the Bab's own interpretation of His own Writings should be decisive in this matter. There are, in fact, numerous allusions to Baha'u'llah found in the authenticated Writings of the Bab."

Name ONE.

> "I am entitled to give the most weight to those documents and testimonies that are credible and not the incredible or proven false. Everyone does this according to their understanding and beliefs."

Truth and falsehood are not based on anyone's biased "understanding and beliefs", but on what one can see directly from reality itself. So far, you have given us nothing real to accept, only tons of dogmatic talking points.

> "There is an internal consistency in the Baha'i Faith's position throughout that is missing in the positions of the various covenant-breaker groups."

My own research on the Faith has blown apart its credibility forever. And having done that, I see no " internal consistency" to any of it.

> "Baha'is can read and understand what the covenant breakers are saying, contrary to your assertions."

What I said was, "Baha'is are under strict orders to shun 'covenant breakers'." By shunning them, you deny their basic humanity and thus make it easy to read anything they write and dismiss it without really thinking about it. And BTW, if you can do that to covenant breakers, why can't I do that to YOU?

> "When a person breaks the covenant of Baha'u'llah (or even more extreme apostacy) I have found that person will be stripped of the moral and spiritual guidance and often hate the light and attack it."

> "the anger, spite, hatred, envy, and deviousness among those attacking or disaffected from the Faith is quite clear."

These are personal attacks that are fallacious on their face. Again, I could call you a bigoted, lying, scumbag who is extremely disrespectful and hateful towards anyone who rejects your claims and that would be just like what you did to us. Stop being a hypocrite!

> "Mirza Yahya, by his own behavior, discredited himself in numerous instances."

Yet you claim to believe in the Bab, who appointed him to be leader of the Babis after him and NOT Baha'u'llah? That's an obvious contradiction. Why not admit the Bab made a colossal mistake and then deny his

Prophethood?

> "Baha'u'llah anticipated the end of the Aghsan (male descendants of Baha'u'llah in good standing) in His Writings."

No, he didn't. He did appoint both Abdu'l-Baha and Mirza Muhammad Ali as leaders of the Baha'is after him, but that's it. He said nothing about his descendants all being thrown out of the Baha'i Faith like what Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi did to their own relatives. So you stated a clear falsehood.

> "The members of 'Abdu'l-Baha's family were similarly warned, including in the Will & Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha. It was made clear to them to not associate with those that violated the covenant."

Except at some point, most of them must have figured out that

1. Shoghi Effendi was unfit to be Baha'i leader.
2. They had been lied to about the followers of Mirza Muhammad Ali being "covenant breakers".

which is why most of them rebelled. You can't hide fraud and hypocrisy forever!

> "They resented the fact that Shoghi Effendi married someone from the West instead of a person or someone from Persia in the Faith."

So they were RACIST?! You realize that means Abdu'l Baha and his daughters sucked at being teachers of Baha'i virtues, right? Yeah, keep insulting Baha'u'llah's descendants. That looks very appealing to seekers.....NOT!

BTW, you and Ken Ammi, a Christian apologist who has written an entire book against the Baha'i Faith, should compare notes. You both look equally ridiculous to me.

Then the asshole made this:

> I am not interested in conflict and contention. I have sound bases for my beliefs. You are just nitpicking and quibbling to argue, taking things out of context, not consider the facts as they are or as I have explained them with an open mind. I will only explain, therefore, my understanding.
>
> Mirza Yahya was only one of a number of named Mirrors, contrary to your assertion and his claims. Why do you believe assertions by Azalis/Bayanis and Mirza Yahya who have no credibility today but not believe the majority of believers in the Bab that include scholars (who are Baha'is and scholars) some teaching in universities with expertise on this subject? The Bab explicitly said in the Persian Bayan and in a Tablet to Mirza Yahya not to follow the Mirrors and warned them not to contend with Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest when He appears. That is a fact, not some speculation. I just took part in an in depth series of courses on the Writings of the Bab, one of which covered in detail the Persian Bayan (including with provisional translations).
>
> I have already mentioned multiple texts referring to Baha'u'llah by name and date in the Bab's Writings. I don't know what else to say if you refuse to recognize what I have already said and then deny I said it. Shoghi Effendi discusses this at length, so does Professor Nader Saiedi in Gate of the Heart, 2008, as well as in Logos, 2000. Baha'u'llah in Kitab-i-Badi discusses this as well, as Adib Taherzadeh discusses in Revelation of Baha'u'llah.
>
> The fact that some persons failed their tests, even from the family of Baha'u'llah, was anticipated by Baha'u'llah Himself and by 'Abdu'l-Baha, as I explained clearly before. As I explained in my answer, I believe that this is a standing lesson and illustration of the fact that Baha'is should learn from. "Pride goeth before the fall" as they say.

‘Abdu’l-Baha explains (as is known in Christian history) that Judas was reportedly the most educated and capable of the disciples, but became jealous and hateful of the favor bestowed on Peter. Jesus warned Judas and anticipated that Judas would betray Him, but, consistent with free will, allowed these events to play out.

The same occurred in Islam after the death of Muhammad, where the leaders ignored Muhammad’s clear warnings and urging to follow Imam Ali. ‘Abdu’l-Baha in Some Answered Questions explains an entire chapter of the Revelation of St. John as referring to the betrayal of the Covenant of Muhammad and the terrible consequences that followed.

The Bab wrote a Tablet to Mirza Yahya explicitly warning him not to reject the Promised One or to contend with the Promised One when He appears. The Bab explicitly explained in the Tablet to Mulla Baqir who asked the Bab about Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest the time of His appearance and promised Mulla Baqir taht Mulla Baqir would meet and recognize Him. As I explained, the Bab said that the Promised One of the Bayan would appear in year eight and declare in year nineteen and, furthermore, alluded to Baha’u’llah by name. I suspect you read right past what I wrote and ignore any facts or information that does not support your argument or narrative. Even N. Wahid Azal (aka Nima Hazini) knows about this Tablet and admitted to its existence but tries to explain it away or dismiss it. Also, the Order of Baha’u’llah appears in the Persian Bayan and there are additional references to Baha’u’llah in the Arabic Bayan. The Badi calendar sets the first day of the month as Baha in honor of Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest and the first month as Baha for the same reason, as stated in the Persian Bayan and in other Writings of the Bab. In retrospect, it could not have been more obvious.

That is EXACTLY WHY 90%+ OF ALL BABI’S THAT SURVIVED AND REMAINED FAITHFUL BECAME BAHA’IS INCLUDING THE FAMILY OF THE BAB, THE AFNANS. Moreover, the Bab predicted and asked that Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest teach the members of His family the Faith, which Baha’u’llah did fulfill as promised in the Kitab-i-Iqan, which was revealed in two days in 1861 for one of the Bab’s maternal uncles in answer to a series of questions. This is why the Bab’s family converted.

Knowing he could merely have any more comments of mine deleted, I returned to slam him in reddit. And others joined in the bloodletting.

Dale_Husband_HS

So once again he asserts that he takes at face value sources that tell him what he already assumes to be true (confirmation bias) accuses me and other critics of the Baha’i Faith of what he does (projection) and finally attacks us personally with regards to our opposition (ad hominem fallacy).

Hey, liar! I’ve seen clear cases of dishonesty from Baha’is online. Do I need to show the proof again?!

https://dalehusband.com/2018/07/04/muslim-bashing-and-libel-against-ex-bahais-in-reddit/

ZoroastrianMan

As always: Only quantity, but no quality in his large as usual messages.

Your comment I can’t see on Quora. The professional propagandist let it be deleted, because he is afraid of good written refutations.

i-Aqdas_Cola

I'm fully convinced that Scott is a fucking imbecile. I also find it impossible to not see fascist undertones fully throughout Baha'i censorship and shutting-down of Bayani (or "Babi") views on the matter. Baha'i's cannot tolerate those who only accept the Bab, which is really telling to how thin the string they're hanging on it.

All I see is conjecture in their comments, and as I posted a few weeks ago, it's impossible to rationalize Bahaianity. It has no credibility and no spirituality, it's literally the most empty (not in a Zen way, btw) religion there is. Aside from that, it put the Bab's teachings through a shredder, it's despicable imo.

Your quote from Scott is loaded full of intolerance, really, I'm appalled ☐

Dale_Husband_HS

Did you see where Scott actually claimed Shoghi Effendi's relatives resented his marrying a non-Persian? You know why I know that's a damned lie? Because Shoghi Effendi himself put out a message to the Baha'is of the world attacking his own brother (who he had already thrown out of the Baha'i community) for marrying a "low-born Christian girl in Europe", and called that a "disgraceful alliance".

THAT MAKES THE "GUARDIAN" A HYPOCRITE!

Dale_Husband_HS

{{{ For these and other reasons, the followers of the Bab generally expected the imminent appearance of another Messenger of God. }}}

LOL. I think the only reason SOME Babis thought that was out of desperation. The revolt led by the Bab had failed and with the Bab being martyred, it was thought that only the coming of another Prophet would revive the fortunes of the Babis, which is exactly what Baha'u'llah promised once he declared his mission in 1863. Babis should have been asking themselves why the Bab was not as successful as the Prophet Muhammad was in overthrowing the pagan Arabs.

It was the influence of Christianity, with its depiction of the heroic martydom of Jesus by crucifixion, that led to the idea of the Bab's own martyrdom being a heroic event too; if he was willing to die for his teachings, they must be worth living and fighting for, even with him gone. And that should have been enough. The Babis didn't need Baha'u'llah, since they already had Mirza Yahya for their leader. If the Bab had intended for Baha'u'llah to be "Him Who God Makes Manifest", why wouldn't he have appointed Baha'u'llah to be the actual next leader of the Babis to give him crediblity from the start? The more you think about it, the more things just don't add up.

Dale_Husband_HS

OMG, he DID have my comment deleted. I'm so glad I saved a copy of it here before he did that, the damned coward!

wahidazal66, what do you think of that?

HYPOCRITE, if you really didn't want to stir up "conflict and contention", you shouldn't be invading places you are not welcome to and repeatedly defending a false religion!

News flash: Assuming that sources are true because they are Baha'i and denying them because they are not Baha'i is absolutely no way to find real truth. You could do the exact same with any religion or ideology and get the same useless result.

Assuming that sources are true because they are Christian and denying them because they are not Christian is absolutely no way to find real truth.

Assuming that sources are true because they are Muslim and denying them because they are not Muslim is absolutely no way to find real truth.

Assuming that sources are true because they are Communist and denying them because they are not Communist is absolutely no way to find real truth.

Assuming that sources are true because they are conservative and denying them because they are not conservative is absolutely no way to find real truth.

Assuming that sources are true because they are Nazi and denying them because they are not Nazi is absolutely no way to find real truth.

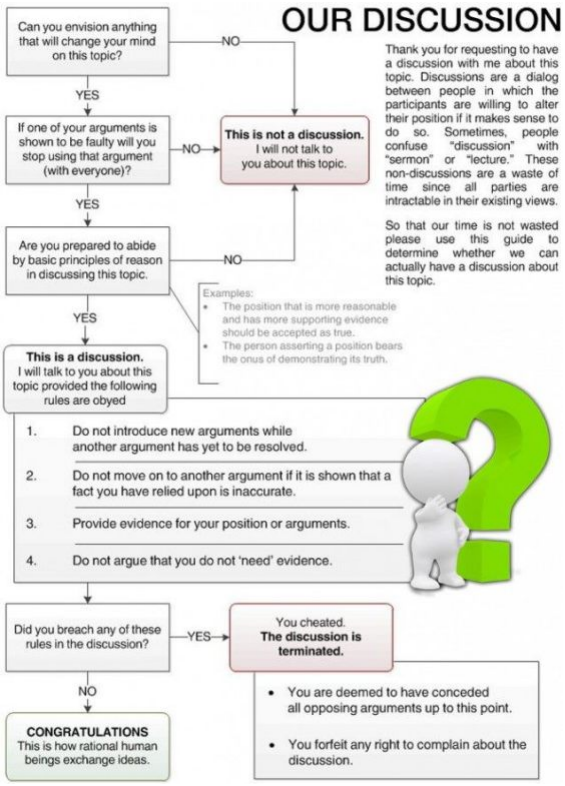
Assuming that sources are true because they are atheist and denying them because they are not atheist is absolutely no way to find real truth.

DO THE REST OF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN?!

I refuse to be intimidated by Scott Hakala's long winded statements. His many, many, MANY claims can never make up for this:
https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority/

If the actual FACTS are on my side, entire novels worth of rhetoric can never make those embarrassing facts go away!

And I will end the blog entry with this:


OUR DISCUSSION
Can you envision anything that will change your mind on this topic?
NO
YES
Thank you for requesting to have a discussion with me about this topic. Discussions are a dialog between people in which the participants are willing to alter their position if it makes sense to do so. Sometimes, people confuse "discussion" with "sermon" or "lecture." These non-discussions are a waste of time since all parties are intractable in their existing views.
So that our time is not wasted please use this guide to determine whether we can actually have a discussion about this topic.
If one of your arguments is shown to be faulty will you stop using that argument (with everyone)?
NO
This is not a discussion. I will not talk to you about this topic.
YES
Are you prepared to abide by basic principles of reason in discussing this topic.
NO
YES
Examples:
The position that is more reasonable and has more supporting evidence should be accepted as true.
The person asserting a position bears the onus of demonstrating its truth.
This is a discussion. I will talk to you about this topic provided the following rules are obeyed
1. Do not introduce new arguments while another argument has yet to be resolved.
2. Do not move on to another argument if it is shown that a fact you have relied upon is inaccurate.
3. Provide evidence for your position or arguments.
4. Do not argue that you do not 'need' evidence.
Did you breach any of these rules in the discussion?
YES
You cheated. The discussion is terminated.
You are deemed to have conceded all opposing arguments up to this point.
You forfeit any right to complain about the discussion.
NO
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COVERING UP A DISCREDITED BAHA'I PROPHECY

When I was a Baha'i, I spent a summer at the home of an elderly Baha'i couple, and I looked at their Baha'i books. One thing I noticed was a copy of the classic introduction to the Baha'i Faith, *Baha'u'llah and the New Era* by J. E Esslemont. It contained a reference to 1957, the year Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, died, yet it had been published before that year. After searching online this year, I finally found a reference to this older edition.

http://lifeanddoctrine.blogspot.com/2009/03/bahai-faith-bahai-faith-missing.html (original link)

http://www.truefreethinker.com/articles/bahai-faith-bahai-faith-missing-prophecy

(new and improved version)

Read the text for yourself. Yes, it is poorly edited, so I will copy it to here and clean it up.

{{{We quote here from J. E. Esslemont's *Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era*, a book published by the *Bahá'í Publishing Committee* and copyrighted by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the USA. Originally the manuscript of *Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era* was revised and approved by `Abdú'l-Bahá and after his death, by Shoghi Effendi as well as by a committee of the National Bahá'í Assembly of England.[1]

Esslemont writes:

> "In the last two verses of the Book of Daniel occur the cryptic words:—'Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand, three hundred and thirty-five days. But go thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.' Many have been the attempts of learned students to solve the problem of the significance of these words.
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> In a table-talk at which the writer was present, `Abdu'l-Bahá said that these 1,335 days mean 1,335 solar years from the Hijrat. (Flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina, marking the beginning of the Muhammad era.) As the Hijrat occurred in 622 A.D. the date referred to is, therefore, 1957 (i.e. 622+1,335) A.D. Asked:
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> 'What shall we see at the end of the 1,335 days?' he replied: Universal Peace will be firmly established, a Universal language promoted. Misunderstandings will pass away. The Bahá'í Cause will be promulgated in all parts and the oneness of mankind established. It will be most glorious!" [emphasis mine]

Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era, the book that records the above quoted prophecy, was first published in 1923. Instead of world peace and such utopian dreams, a small sample of what we got from 1923 until 1957 was things like nation wide poverty in the Depression in the USA and World War II which yielded ten to twelve million massacred by the hands of Hitler's army. Stalin caused the death of some twenty million people.
In fact, Shoghi Effendi himself wrote, "We who have killed some forty-five million human beings in the past thirty-five years."[3] And so there is absolutely no question that this prophecy is false. Perhaps, it should be noted that one significant event that occurred in 1957 was Shoghi Effendi's sudden death.

Not so fast though, in later editions of the same book that records the false prophecy there is a section titled "Note on Revisions" in which the false prophecy is explained away:

> "'the end of the 1,335 days.' The Guardian has written that in the Bahá'í teachings themselves there is nothing to indicate that any definite degree of world peace will be established by 1957, nor by 1963, the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh." Another Bahá'ísm publication has stated, "Regarding the Prophecy of Daniel: The passage in Esselmont should be changed to state that this prophecy refers to the one-

hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh, in the Garden of Ridván, Baghdád."[4] [emphasis mine]

The Guardian is Shoghi Effendi, grandson of, and third in line to, Bahá'u'lláh. He is one of the only two individuals to be appointed as the interpreter of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings. What the Guardian does however is to contradict the teachings of `Abdú'l-Bahá, son of, and second in line to, Bahá'u'lláh. He was the other of the only two individuals ever to be appointed as the interpreter of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings.
Of `Abdú'l-Bahá it is said that he is "the authorized interpreter of the teachings, and declaring that any explanations or interpretations given by Him are to be accepted as of equal validity with the words of Bahá'u'lláh Himself"[5] [my underlining]. After these two the authority of Bahá'ísm was given to committees, these committees alone can publish authoritative Bahá'í writings, which they did so when they published the book from which we quoted the false prophecy.

The 1950 edition of the book carries with it the *Note on Revisions*, which explains that in future editions of the book the text would be reworked and the changes would the be made with no indication that it ever contained false prophecy.[6]

Consulting the 1976 edition of *Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era*, pp 251-252 (or 1980 ed., p. 250) we find the new reading of this text:

"...In a table-talk at which the writer was present, `Abdú'l-Bahá reckoned the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy from the date of the beginning of the Muhammadan era. `Abdú'l-Bahá's Tablets, make it clear that this prophecy refers to the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh in Baghdád, or the year 1963:—Now concerning the verse in Daniel, the interpretation whereof thou didst ask, namely, 'Blessed is he who cometh unto the thousand, three hundred and thirty-five days.'

These days must be reckoned as solar and not lunar years. For according to this calculation a century will have elapsed from the dawn of the Sun of Truth, then will the teachings of God be firmly established upon the earth, and the Divine Light shall flood the world from the East even unto the West. Then, on this day, will the faithful rejoice!" [emphasis mine]

First, we note that *Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era* was revised in 1937, 1950, 1970, 1976, 1980 and reprinted in 1990. The Bahá'í were able to do this since taking over the "copyright and other interests" from George Allen & Unwin Ltd., of London England. Also note that in 1957 the prophecy was not fulfilled, but remember that the *Note on Revisions* stated, "there is nothing to indicate that any definite degree of world peace will be established by 1957, **nor by 1963** [emphasis mine]."

But the reworked explanation also fails because a century *from the dawn of the Sun of Truth* [Bahá'u'lláh] is 1963 and still we do not see *the teachings of God be **firmly established** upon the earth* [emphasis mine].

In conclusion, what is the meaning of *the last two verses of the Book of Daniel*? Apparently after two different explanations we still don't know. Obviously what we have is an attempt to cover up a false prophecy with an equally impotent explanation that is meaningless, its only meaning is that it demonstrated some degree of Bahá'í manipulation.}}}

Gee, did it ever occur to this Christian apologist that simular stunts of making false prophecies and covering them up could have been done to passages in the Bible as applied to Jesus?
Anyway, here is the text of the 1950 edition of *Baha'u'llah and the New Era*:
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And these are the text of the same book in 1976:
http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_4C_tSMqS810/R5dT6K9RTAI/AAAAAAAAAyA/KMPa6S_QgBk/s1600-h/1976-0001.jpg

http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_4C_tSMqS810/R5dUCK9RTBI/AAAAAAAAAyI/p6qEYLDyO1E/s1600-h/1976+II-0001.jpg

Later, the blogger defends his position:

http://lifeanddoctrine.blogspot.com/2009/03/bahai-faith-bahai-faith-missing.html?showComment=1236829860000#c4214484531511826541

Thanks for pointing that out. I am aware of "Pilgrim's Notes" but, surely, many are not. These are considered mere anecdotes "With the exception of those that have been reviewed and approved by `Abdu'l-Baha Himself-and there are notable exceptions, such as *Some Answered Questions*—they do not have the status of Bahá'í scripture. They are of historical interest, but the original motives for their publication are not as compelling today. Nonetheless, for Bahá'ís, such accounts must certainly rank above some biblical chronicles."

[From the introduction by Richard Hollinger to Thornton Chase's, *In Galilee* and Arthur S. Agnew, *In Wonderland* (Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 1985 "Originally published as *In Galilee* and *In Spirit and In Truth* in 1908 by the Bahá'í Publishing Society"), pp. vi-vii]

Note that:

1) Abdu'l-Baha spoke a statement.

2) Esslemont wrote it down.

3) Abdu'l-Baha reviewed, revised and approved the text—he being the only infallible individual on Earth at the time.

4) Shoghi Effendi reviewed, revised and approved the text—he being the only infallible individual on Earth at the time.

5) A committee of the National Baha'i Assembly of England reviewed and approved the text.

6) The Baha'i Publishing Committee reviewed and approved the text.

7) The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the USA reviewed and approved the text.

Yet, it is still discardable.

You will pardon me but I am quite skeptical of Baha'i claims of what is and what is not official for various reasons including:

There are vast, vast amounts of Baha'i writings, particularly the tablets of Baha'u'llah, that remain unknown, un-reproduced, un-translated, and even un-tallied to the point that the UHJ admits that they do not even have an account of what is in their possession and Baha'i scholars complain that the UHJ denies them access to primary source manuscripts.

Considering that only a mere and meager portion, a very, very small percentage of Baha'u'llah's original, official, infallible writings are known to mankind I cannot help but think that we do not really know the warp and woof of his thoughts. It is very easy for me to think that his successors, even till the UHJ, pick and choose that which they want to put forth as Baha'u'llah's revelation. But what is known and particularly what has been published is a miniscule representation of his voluminous writings.

Also, Baha'is are constantly revising and updating texts, and I do not here mean texts such as New Era, so that what was once official is now unofficial and what is official is the new version (yes, I understand that you are told that this is based on pure and innocent updated research but I cannot help but wonder).

Very interesting and, quite rightly, emotive story about 1963—I must say quite frankly.

See, I knew that I detected a missionary streak in you. I am not sure how it is relevant to this post since the above reference to the rewritten failed prophecy is apocryphal. However, this does bring to mind something about Baha'ism that I find, let us say fascinating/troubling: constant redefinitions and reinterpretations to the point that those who know that originals of that which Baha'ism is redefining and reinterpreting readily discern conveniently self-serving, yet fallacious, utilitarianism.

For example, "world peace" does not mean "world peace," it does not mean what anyone reading the term would logically and grammatically understand rather, it means the establishment of the UHJ.

Or: Baha'ism has no sects only "covenant breakers."

Baha'ism has no missionaries only pioneers.

Baha'ism has no clergy only people who take turn performing the duties of the clergy (an armature clergy).

Etc., etc., etc.

Well said! But again, I wonder how he would react if a Jew or atheist made simular arguments against Christianity. This is the problem with investigating other religions; too often, the investigator is not looking for objective truth, but seeking to undermine one religion to promote another. But if the other religion is also severely flawed, what's the point? And does this guy really call himself a True Freethinker? He is not one if he doesn't take into account the failings and falsehoods associated with Christianity!

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An apparent follower of the Bab, but not Baha'u'llah, came to the **exBaha'i subreddit**. I naturally suspected them of being an agent of Wahid Azal, sent like the others to disrupt our work.

> Believe in the Bab, but not Bahaullah...
> by inexbahai

So I decided to pull no punches, especially after another Bayani offered this newcomer a link to one of Azal's own subreddits.

> shessolucky
>
> On the payroll of Iranian government?! You don't think that's a little extreme?
>
> Seeker_Alpha1701
> I had to switch to another web browser to see who and what you were responding to. I blocked you-know-who and others of his gang months ago, as I promised the moderators of this subreddit I would do.
>
> Of course his remarks are extreme, that's what degenerate cults are known for! According to their ringleader, I am a racist promoting white supremacy, a Haifan Baha'i operative, a wife beater, and a con artist.
>
> Of course, none of those things are true.....but I guess if you seriously claim Islamic fundamentalists are in alliance with atheists, you would believe any other lie spouted by the fearless Bayani leader.
>
> Rant over.

Later:

> shessolucky
>
> I don't really have any connection to the Bab or Bahaullah. I was briefly active in the faith and did try to learn about them while I was active.
>
> All the Baha'i-approved literature is watered down from what I remember. Much of the Bab's writings are not out for public consumption Bahais sometimes claim the works remain untranslated. There isn't much unbiased material about the Bab from Baha'i-approved sources, either. It's hard to say who he was.
>
> yxxxzz

I don't know, it seems kind of suspicious that they avoid talking about the Bab, and never recommend his literature. I haven't gotten far in Ruhi– but to my knowledge there is more mention of Shoghi Effendi and Abdulbaha than the Bab (which is strange since the Bab is supposed to be a manifestation).

shessolucky

You're right, he is not mentioned much at all.

Seeker_Alpha1701

They avoid discussing the Bab because from an objective standpoint, his ministry was a colossal failure. His followers actually tried to overthrow the Persian government, which only resulted in the Bab and thousands of his followers being killed, leaving the Babi community broken. It was Baha'u'llah who rebuilt that community, and most of the Babis recognized his superior leadership and chose to follow him, but in doing so they became Baha'is, members of a different religion. As a result, Baha'u'llah is considered a supreme Manifeststion of God and the Bab was reduced to merely his forerunner.....but that was NOT what was intended by the Bab himself!

It would have been more logical to abandon the Bab's legacy completely, but consistent logic doesn't occur to cult members.

MirzaJan

The Bab actually appointed Subh-i-Azal to succeed him. Baha'u'llah usurped his position and was about to kill him.

Seeker_Alpha1701

To me, that discredits the Bab. Baha'u'llah might never have usurped his brother's leadership position if Subh-i-Azal been as capable a leader as the Bab or Baha'u'llah. Baha'is claiming that the appointment of Subh-i-Azal was only that of a temporary figurehead is simply after-the-fact damage control to hide that the Bab made such an obvious mistake. The apparent truth is that the Bab in his delusionary state fully expected to establish some sort of new theocracy and live to a ripe old age, so of course he would have appointed a younger man to be his successor, not an older one. The martyrdom of the Bab destroyed the credibility of Subh-i-Azal's appointment.

Then a Baha'i drops by and makes things worse.

mhon1844

There are many reasons why people reject the claims of a relatively new or less known Messenger. How many people even know the story of Baha'ullah, His lineage (descendant of Abraham, Zoroasters and the Persian kings mentioned in the Hebrew Bible), His history, and His teachings? This failure of to recognize the Messengers and the Source of guidance has been a consistent theme and complaint in the Hebrew and Christian Bibles and in the Quran. It has been the theme of many religious texts that men have eyes but cannot see, ears but cannot hear, and hearts but cannot feel (variations on this can be found in the texts of all the major monotheistic faiths practiced at this time).

Most people are unaware of or unwilling to fully investigate the Writings and claims of the Baha'i Faith. The claims of Baha'u'llah are quite strong and difficult for many people to accept at face value without substantial effort investigating fully the matter and without an open mind to the possibilities. Few people are willing to fully investigate religion or religious matters in general. For persons that believe in God, most of the bases for rejection are out of fear of the unknown or change (including fear of the consequences economically, in one's family, and to one's reputation from changing one's faith), ignorance of the reality and facts and the Message,

> and/or due to certain dogmatic beliefs or unrealistic expectations regarding the meaning of certain passages in their religious texts or certain misunderstandings of their faiths. There is a tendency for these reasons to simply dismiss out of hand anything that does not “fit” within a person’s existing understanding of reality and religion.
>
> Pope Pius IX declared himself to be the Vicar of Christ on earth. Baha’u’llah told him that the Promised One Whom he awaited had come. The returned Christ was standing before his eyes.
>
> Baha’u’llah warned the Pope not to reject Him because His Name was different than he expected:
>
> “O Pope . . . Beware lest any name debar thee from God… Dwellest thou in palaces whilst He Who is the King of Revelation liveth in the most desolate of abodes? Leave them unto such as desire them, and set thy face with joy and delight toward the Kingdom . . . “

ENOUGH! I went after him.

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> I really hate self-righteous crap like that above!
>
> I think one of the many reasons people do not embrace the Baha’i Faith is because their emotional and spiritual needs either do not fit in it or are perfectly satisfied by whatever religion they were raised in. I invented a concept called “spiritual orientation” to explain people’s different responses to religions and their dogmas and associated rituals.
>
> https://dalehusband.com/spiritual-orientation-series/
>
> We really need to quash this ridiculous notion that any particular faith, whether Christianity, Islam, the Baha’i Faith, or even atheism, is perfectly suited and appropriate for everyone in the world. That is the basis of bigotry and even atrocities like the Holocaust. “You won’t convert to MY religion, therefore you are not worthy of my respect!” Even the Quran teaches the opposite of that bullshit, in Sura 109:
>
> [[[Say: O disbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship; Nor worship ye that which I worship. And I shall not worship that which ye worship. Nor will ye worship that which I worship. Unto you your religion, and unto me my religion.]]]
>
> Now, GET OUT!

This must have had an effect on at least some of the viewers of the exBahai subreddit. A short time later, someone left this comment on my blog.

https://dalehusband.com/about-the-author/my-spiritual-journeys/#comment-17043

> *Em* says:
> April 8, 2020 at 9:29 PM
>
> Hi, I find your religious journey very interesting. I have had quite a journey, too, yet I am still young and have much more to go. I was a Baha’i for a short time, but I found the religion hypocritical in some respects. I found your website via reddit under one of my posts. I wanted to offer some sort of conversation about religion. I do not think that one religion fits everybody– just as you have said. I was briefly a religious studies major at university, and that drove an interest in Christianity for me. Yet, I was raised Catholic and had a very sheltered upbringing in the Catholic church (i.e. going to Catholic school), so I find Christianity to be somewhat sexist. Especially in reading the Old Testament, like Judges 19, I am not comfortable with Abrahamic religions. That being said, I want to create my own religion: I want to build something that people can turn to the way I need to

> turn to something. I guess the point of my post is to see what your thoughts are on starting a new religion that isn't based on a prophet, but a philosophy of some meaning. I can give you more details if you email me. Thanks. ☐

I replied:

> *Dale Husband* says:
> April 8, 2020 at 10:31 PM
>
> You can certainly join a Unitarian Universalist church and proceed to build your own theology within it. Of course, I have my own path and have no need to follow another's. Good luck with your quest for truth, love and a good life.

And so the battle against bullshit and ignorance continues.

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DAMN YOU, STEPHEN BIRKLAND!

Read this about a certain Baha'i leader:

http://bahaikipedia.org/Stephen_Birkland

Mr. **Stephen Birkland** is currently serving as a member of the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of the Bahá'í Faith. Before his election to the House of Justice, he was a member of the International Teaching Center.[1] Prior to his service at the World Center, Mr. Birkland served as an Auxiliary Board member beginning in 1976 and a Counsellor from 1993. He also served on the board of Trustees for Huqúqu'lláh in the United States for 10 years.[2]

And what did Birkland do as a Counselor that I find so disgusting that it makes me despise the Baha'i leadership that he is now an actual part of? In the Winter 1997 issue of Gnosis magazine, an article was published titled, "Baha'i Leaders Vexed by On-Line Critics", detailing the tyrannical acts of the Baha'i leaders of the time and their attack dog, Stephen Birkland.

https://web.archive.org/web/20060208160409/http://bahai-library.com/newspapers/gnosis.talisman.html

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I'm just glad Birkland did not have the power to put those dissenters in jail for their thought crimes. Nevertheless, he was a damned bastard for acting as a secret police for the Baha'i leaders and then being rewarded for his zealotry by being appointed to the International Teaching Center by the Universal House of Justice, and **then being elected to the latter body.** That is a bit like a loyalist to Hitler or Stalin, licking his boots constantly by helping arrest and execute dissenters, later being appointed the dictator's eventual successor, continuing the corruption and abuse through another generation.



may no longer be true. Of course it's unlikely to convince dyed-in-the-wool skeptics, but then what would? For those who are more open-minded, it offers cause for reflection.
—Richard Smoley

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Baha'i Leaders Vexed By On-Line Critics

The Baha'i faith is the newest world religion, claiming more than 5 million followers around the globe. Its founder, Baha'u'llah (1817-92), was an Iranian nobleman who proclaimed the unity of humanity and the unity of all religions.

Generally regarded as a peaceful, liberal, and forward-looking movement, Baha'i proclaims itself to be devoted to "independent investigation of Truth." But it has become the only major religious group to launch an inquisition against prominent members for their opinions expressed on an Internet discussion group.

In the early 1970s, Baha'i membership in the United States quadrupled to nearly 100,000 after an influx of idealistic baby-boomers and rural Southern blacks. But despite a strong emphasis on numerical growth, Baha'i membership levels in the United States have been nearly stagnant for the last twenty years. Some of the young converts of the 1970s became scholars in Persian, Arabic, Middle Eastern history, and related fields. This generation of Baha'i scholars, now in middle age, has become a source of irritation to the faith's leadership.

In October 1994 the electronic mail list Talisman was created by Indiana University professor John Walbridge for scholarly discussion of Baha'i history, doctrines, and current affairs. Walbridge is a specialist in Islamic philosophy, and his wife Linda, an active participant in the list, is an anthropologist specializing in contemporary Islam in the United States; she also teaches at Indiana University.

Talisman's initial core group of participants with scholarly and literary backgrounds included Juan R.I. Cole, then-director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies at the University of Michigan and now professor of history there. Two participants were publishers: Anthony Lee of Kalimat Press, a Baha'i publishing house; and Steven Scholl of White Cloud Press, publisher of the annual *Common Era: Best New Writings in Religion* and other interfaith-oriented titles.

Beginning with a dozen or so subscribers, Talisman grew in the first year to more than a hundred, most of whom were not academicians. After eighteen months of existence, Talisman became the focus of a series of investigations ordered by authorities at the Baha'i World Center in Haifa, Israel.

Liberal scholars on Talisman scrutinized several aspects of current Baha'i theology and administration, including the exclusion of women from the Baha'i governing body, the Universal House of Justice, even though Baha'i claims to teach the equality of the sexes. Academicians familiar with source documents debated whether or not Baha'u'llah had intended this exclusion, and advanced textual arguments in favor of reconsideration.

Another frequent bone of contention was the policy of literature review, which requires that any Baha'i who writes about the faith for any publisher submit the work for prior censorship by a "review committee" composed of the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly in the country of publication. Scholars were particularly emphatic about wanting to abolish this policy — which had been deemed "temporary" when introduced early in this century — on the grounds that it compromises scholarly independence and integrity.

Perhaps the most interesting debates were about the future of Baha'i institutions, which most rank-and-file members believe are destined to take over all functions of local and national government and to create a new international government in a Baha'i-dominated world. The scholars disputed this totalitarian vision, citing evidence that Baha'u'llah envisioned no such future. There was also extensive discussion of the Baha'i electoral process, which allows no nominations or public discussion of candidates. Almost no incumbents on the American National Spiritual Assembly have been unseated in elections during the last 30 years. Term limits were proposed as one possible way to open up the system to new blood.

Although the questions and criticisms expressed by the scholars in Talisman were generally respectful of Baha'i authorities, many of the newer members of the list

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became irate that such matters were discussed at all. The worldwide Baha'i community has rigid controls for discourse on internal matters, with all publications controlled or censored by the administration; even mild dissent is regarded as treasonous.

Complaints may be made through the process of "consultation" with various levels of administrators, but may not be expressed outside that context and especially never in public. Thus Talisman offered participants the first chance to discuss flaws in the Baha'i community outside administrative channels, and many were shocked by the debate that ensued. Soon it became common for more conservative Baha'is to insinuate that the scholars and their sympathizers were "Covenant-breakers," which is the greatest of sins in Baha'i theology.

The "Covenant" is the line of succession from Baha'u'llah to the Universal House of Justice, the world governing body, which was first elected in 1963. To break the Covenant is to attack the center of authority within the faith and to advocate an alternative source of authority; such disputes have arisen with each change in leadership. Baha'is are ordered to avoid all contact with Covenant-breakers.

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Defending its actions, the Universal House of Justice wrote to a family member of one of the accused; the letter later appeared on the front page of the journal *The American Baha'i*. It argues that Talisman was the continuation of a conspiracy born in the mid-1980s involving a liberal Baha'i journal, *Dialogue*, which closed after Baha'i authorities accused it of being subversive.

The letter goes on to describe the Talisman scholars as "a dissident group of Baha'is who are attempting to arouse widespread dissatisfaction in the community and thereby to bring about changes in the structure and principles of Baha'i administration, making it accord more closely with their personal notions." It accuses them of "publicly and privily assailing the institutions of the Cause" and "generalizing specific accusations of injustice to such an extent as to accuse the entire system of corruption, not only in practice, but also in form and theory."

John Walbridge closed Talisman in May 1996. Juan Cole, now an ex-Baha'i, opened a new Talisman list the following month. Its e-mail address is talisman@umich.edu.

K. Paul Johnson was an active participant in Talisman from its beginnings through its demise. He was a Baha'i from 1969 to 1974. His article on Edgar Cayce appears in this issue.

A Pair of Lovely CDs

In the ocean of CDs available these days with spiritual themes, two are worth noting. One is an unusual recording of Gregorian chant by Catherine Braslavsky with the participation of her husband Joseph Rowe, who interviewed the alchemist François Trojani for GNOSIS #40.

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The Haifan Baha'i Faith must fall! If I had known this shit was going on when I was considering joining it, I never would have!

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DAMNING PROOF THAT WAHID AZAL LIED OUTRIGHT ABOUT NASER EMTESALI AND…

Take a look at this post in reddit:

> Is an Iranian revolutionary guard-backed group stealing content from r/exbahai for an anti-Bahai website?
> byu/SuccessfulCorner2512 inexbahai

I and others made many comments in it, but I want to focus on ones by a reddit user known as MirzaJan.

> MirzaJan
>
> Yes, that fact is known to many. In fact, it was once a highly prominent anti-Baha'i blog that received regular updates. Wahid Azal believes that I am Nasser Emtesali, and he thinks you are investigator919!
>
> This blog appears to be quite old, and I don't have any reasons to believe that it is sponsored by the government. I have shared some of its content here, and perhaps that is why Wahid assumes that I am Nasser.

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> [[[Wahid Azal believes that I am Nasser Emtesali]]]
>
> DBO also believes this. Because both of them are liars who use various reddit accounts to get around being blocked and banned, of course they will assume we are no better than them!
>
> News flash: Using sockpuppets to infiltrate this subreddit, or any other, is a VIOLATION of reddit rules! And we know both those assholes have done this!

And as if on cue…..

> Creepy_Cricket8410
>
> Oh, for fuck's sake! It has been an open secret for years that that is one of MirzaJan's sites. Naser Emtesali *is* MirzaJan who also posts on Quora as **Prithvi Singh (and once upon a time with the alias Covenant Breaker on Iranian.com).** All three names are fictitious and not real names. But all lead to the same person who is, without a shadow of a doubt and to a moral certainty, a cyber-basiji in the employ of the IRGC and living in India like MirzaJan.

Really? That would be like someone saying that Adolph Hitler was without a shadow of a doubt and to a moral certainty, of JEWISH descent! The irony would be hilarious, but that doesn't make it true. Evidence is what matters, not what one would like to believe.

BTW, I deleted the comment from Creepy_Cricket, who by his own admission was indeed a new account of Wahid Azal, but as a mod of r/exbahai, I can still see it….and thus use it against that idiot. I quickly got that new account of his banned from the subreddit too.

Soon afterwards, he made this:

> A 2017 email from MirzaJan
> byu/Creepy_Cricket8410 inFreeSpeechBahai

I'll just copy and paste the relevant portion:

> From: **Naser Emtesali**
> Date: Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 3:00 AM
> Subject: Re: A marriage made in hell: Baha'is, Russia, the Duginists and the Alt-Right
> To:
>
> Dear Wahid,
>
> Salaam,
>
> Thank you for this. I have read it twice to understand it. :)Your writings are really powerful.May I upload this on my blog?
>
> Thanks & Regards
>
> MirzaJan

Looks like credible evidence, doesn't it? Then again, we must remember when Azal tried to take down my YouTube channel using false copyright claims, even using a faked blog to do it.

> Wahid Azal is trying to get me banned from YouTube

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/18/wahid-azal-is-trying-to-get-me-banned-from-youtube/embed/#?secret=jo9QyXH570#?secret=sh22rFZdsY]

> Update on my Current Battle on YouTube

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secret=F5LJYHqnbm#?secret=VMrSnDXJvk]

I fought back at him and won, since my YouTube account was completely restored after a few weeks. I proved the acts of fraud in this case with damning screenshots.

Just as blog entries can be created and then altered for purposes of misrepresentation, defamation and fraud, so can e-mails.

Small wonder MirzaJan was unfazed and went after Azal over this “revelation”.

> MirzaJan
>
> *Your writings are really powerful.*
>
> Lol. He must be a joker to say that.

> Creepy_Cricket8410
>
> That’s you. Even signed with the alias, including all electronic headers and footers proving it an authentic email. And you are a joker. In fact you are one of the worst pathological liars I have ever run into online. Or shall I call you Prithvi. Or how about **MirzaMaaderChodJanPrithviEmtesaliIRISingh…**
>
> Do you honestly think your denials are actually believed,
> eh **MirzaMaaderChodJanPrithviEmtesaliIRISingh**?

Perhaps the e-mail in question was real; there is no need to dispute that. Indeed, the blog entry referring to the information Wahid gave Naser Emtesali is here:

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2017/01/a-marriage-made-in-hell-bahais-russia.html

And whether or not the information is accurate is also not an issue in this case. We are looking at the specific claim that MirzaJan = Naser Emtesali.

The specific date on the email is:

Jan 4, 2017

But…..when we look at MirzaJan’s actual reddit account:

https://www.reddit.com/user/MirzaJan/

Cake day

December 23, 2017

In reddit, the “Cake day” is when the account was created. NOT before January 4, 2017.

Does Wahid Azal really expect anyone to believe that MirzaJan signed an e-mail to him with that screen name almost ONE YEAR before creating the account with that screen name?

Because I sure don't! His desperation to defame MirzaJan actually destroyed HIS credibility. LOL!

Granted, it is indeed twice as hard to debunk a half-truth as an outright lie. But not impossible! As long as you can look at the actual evidence, the truth always comes out!

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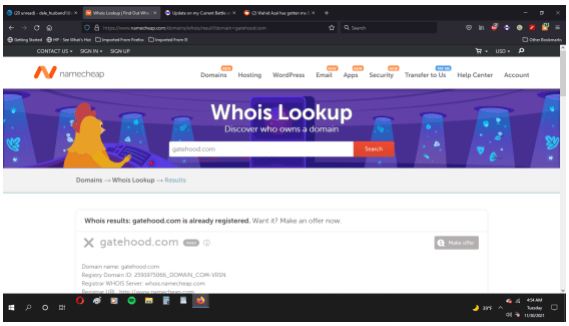
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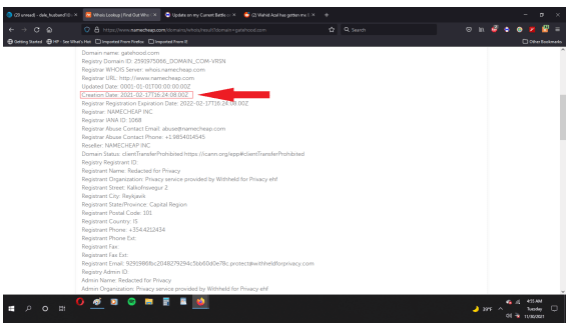
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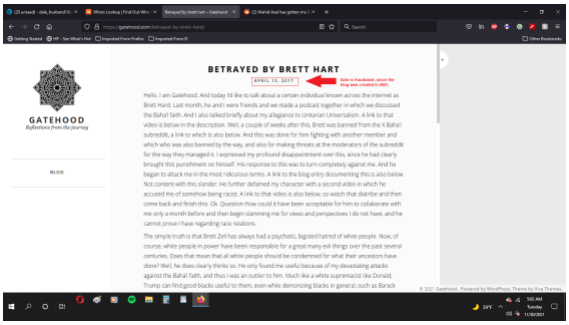
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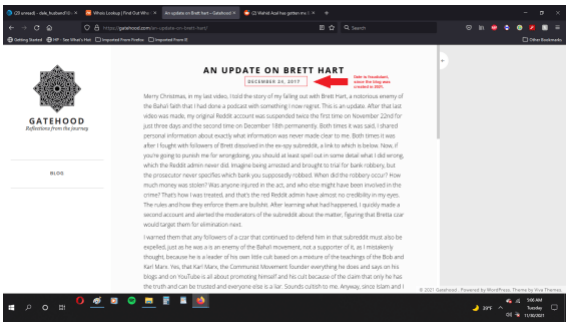
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> In accordance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, we've completed processing your counter notification.
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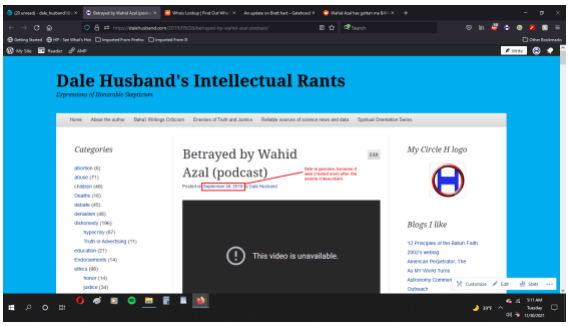
I was certain that "Nawir Abu Yasser", who filed the copyright claims against those two videos, was a pseudonym being used by Wahid Azal. My investigation of the blog used against me led to these screenshots:

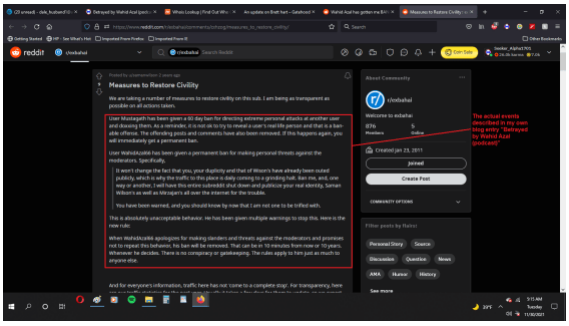












Fake person, fake blog, fake copyright claims. A clear case of FRAUD!

But I wasn't done. As soon as my YouTube account was restored, I was so determined to face Wahid Azal in a legal battle directly that I filed another counter notification against the one remaining video he had flagged with his OWN NAME to suppress!

> Dear Dale Husband,
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> Thank you for your counter notification. It has been forwarded to the party that sent the takedown notification.
>
> Keep in mind that by submitting this counter notification, you've initiated a formal legal dispute process. As such, YouTube will handle this process in accordance with the law. This process takes some time, so we kindly ask for your patience.
>
> Upon forwarding your counter notification to the claimant, we will allow them 10–14 business days from this date to respond with evidence that they have taken court action against you to prevent the reinstatement of the video(s) in question.

If we receive no response, after that time period your videos will be restored and the associated penalties on your account will be resolved.

You will receive updates in this email thread about your counter notification's status. You can also check its status within your Video Manager. Though no response is required of you, please respond directly to this message should you choose to provide us with any further information.

– The YouTube Team

Counter Notification as follows:

Videos included in counter notification:

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gyshd-aa_lY

Display name of uploader: Dale Husband

The video was a direct collaboration between me and Wahid Azal back when he and I were on friendly terms, before he backstabbed me and the rest of the exBaha'i community in reddit, which he was later expelled from for disruptive conduct. I wrote the questions and he answered them as part of an interview process. By definition, a video that is a product of two or more YouTube users belongs to ALL of them and for one to claim exclusive copyright over the content is an act of FRAUD against the other(s) and against YouTube. Wahid Azal wants to erase any evidence that he and I were friends because his betrayal of me (which I documented in other videos and blog entries) destroys his credibility as a religious leader. He has sent threats, both personal, and legal, against me in an effort to frighten me. Do NOT enable his abuse!
https://dalehusband.com/2019/08/17/a-podcast-interview-featuring-myself-and-wahid-azal/

I swear, under penalty of perjury, that I have a good faith belief the material was removed due to a mistake or misidentification of the material to be removed or disabled.

I consent to the jurisdiction of the Federal District Court for the district in which my address is located, or if my address is outside of the United States, the judicial district in which YouTube is located, and will accept service of process from the claimant.

Dale Husband

Then I took the copy of the video stored on my computer and uploaded it to my account on Vimeo:

https://vimeo.com/654107711

Keep in mind that for over two years, Azal has been demonizing me first as a racist, then as a pedophile and finally as suicidal.

1. I've been anti-racist since I was a child, despite being a white person brought up in a southern state (Texas) and even being originally a Southern Baptist. I was smart and ethical enough to see that racism (and other forms of bigotry) was just bullshit that could never be excused! And I have made many, MANY, **MANY** statements damning racism.
2. As for pedophilia, several years ago I knew a little girl who was molested by someone that she and I both knew and that, plus knowing a right-wing extremist politician (Roy Moore) was a pervert sexually assaulting underaged girls when he was younger drove me to denounce him and others like him in a blog entry……which Wahid Azal then used to try to "prove" I was myself a pedophile! That's as absurd as using Adolph Hitler's book Main Kamph to prove he was a Zionist.
3. His claim I was suicidal was another attempt to depict me as weak after the pedophile angle was debunked. My

cousin Jim Williams did die by suicide over a decade ago. And it was in his memory that I made this video:

☐ Video:



Click to watch

So insulting actual victims of racism, pedophilia, and suicide by calling ME a racist, a pedophile and suicidal is something only a profoundly immature, amoral and TOXIC person would ever do!



Azal has **denied that he and I were ever truly friends**, since if I was indeed as horrible as he has claimed, how could he and I have been involved with each other? That podcast featuring both of us proves him to be a liar, full stop!

Azal has painted himself into a corner he cannot get out of and the only way he can retain any credibility he might have had (not that he ever had much, really) is to completely suppress all the evidence of his dealings with me in a friendly manner. But as long as I live and have access to my computer files and the internet anywhere, he cannot succeed!

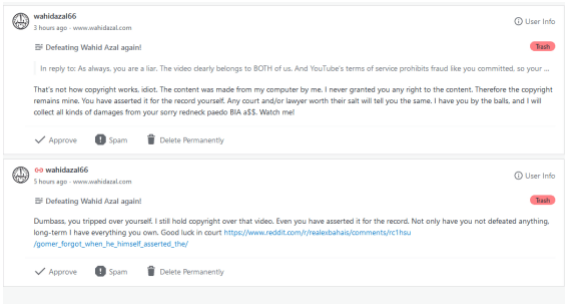
My guess is that as both himself and "Nawir Abu Yasser" he tried to get me banned quickly from YouTube by flagging three of my videos for copyright infringement. YouTube must have been suspicious of what was happening from the start, because those initial attempts only got me two copyright strikes, not three that was needed to shut down my account. As a result, I had time to issue counter notifications on two of the three videos attacked and also took YouTube's "Copyright School" that would allow the copyright strikes against me to be removed in a few months. So in desperation, Azal flagged one more video, my podcast interview with him! But since that video clearly belongs to me too, Azal has legally sealed his fate!

My ultimate goal is at least one of two things:

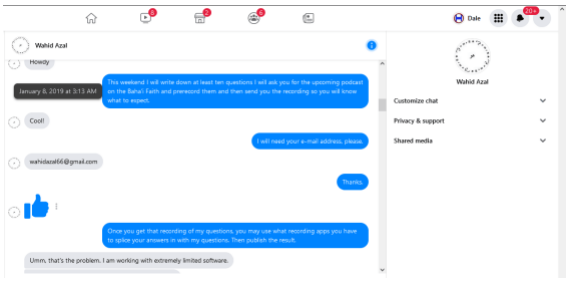
1. Sue him directly in court for harassment, defamation, theft of intellectual property, and fraud and collect damages in a large enough amount to bankrupt him.
2. Get him banned from YouTube, permanently!

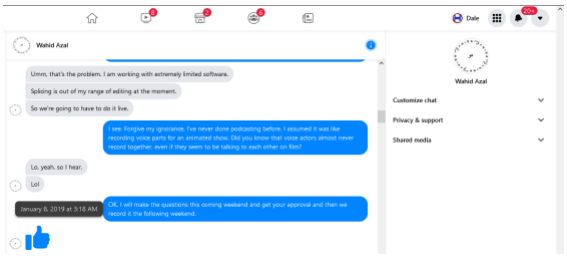
Wish me luck! ☐

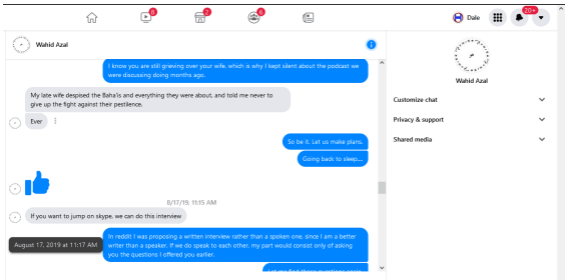
Update: Wahid Azal issued another phony copyright claim against the copy of the podcast he and I made together that I uploaded on Vimeo, also getting it taken down. He also made some interesting assertions in comments he tried to place on my blog.

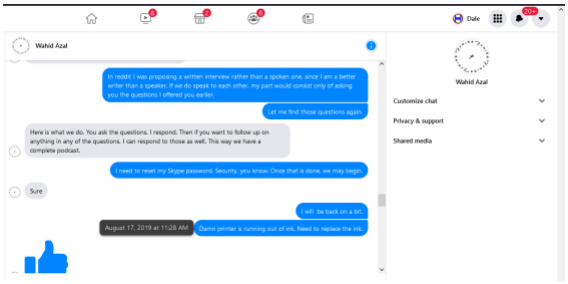

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Defeating Wahid Azal again!
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Defeating Wahid Azal again!
Dumbass, you tripped over yourself. I still hold copyright over that video. Even you have asserted it for the record. Not only have you not defeated anything, long-term I have everything you own. Good luck in court
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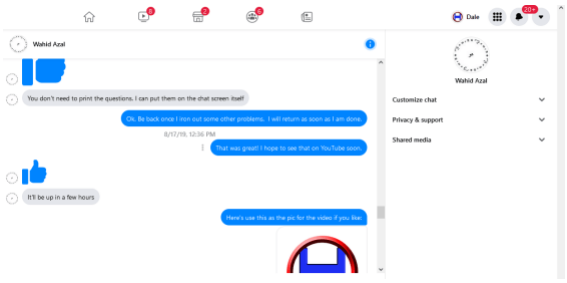
But the reality, as revealed by screenshots of a conversation between him and me via Facebook Messenger in 2019, destroy completely his claims against me once and for all!

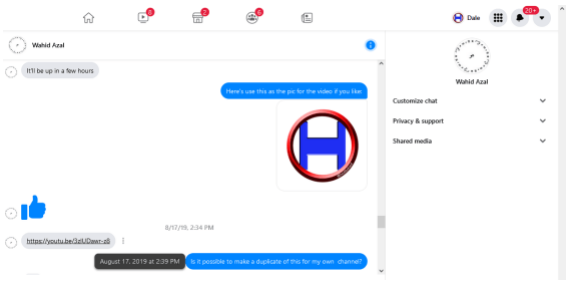

Wahid Azal
Howdy
This weekend I will write down at least ten questions I will ask you for the upcoming podcast on the Bahai Faith and prerecord them and then send you the recording so you will know what to expect.
Cool!
I will need your e-mail address, please.
wahidazal66@gmail.com
Thanks.
Once you get that recording of my questions, you may use what recording apps you have to splice your answers in with my questions. Then publish the result.
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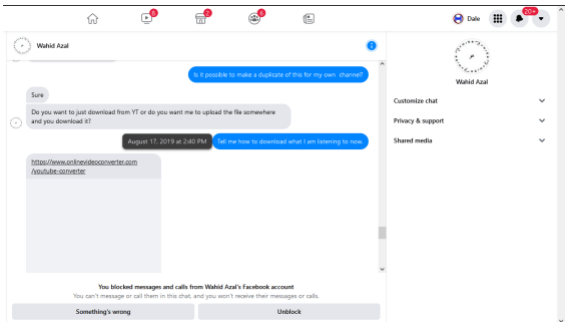

Wahid Azal
Umm, that's the problem. I am working with extremely limited software.
Splicing is out of my range of editing at the moment.
So we're going to have to do it live.
I see. Forgive my ignorance. I've never done podcasting before. I assumed it was like recording voice parts for an animated show. Did you know that voice actors almost never record together, even if they seem to be talking to each other on film?
Lo, yeah, so I hear.
Lol
January 8, 2019 at 3:18 AM
OK. I will make the questions this coming weekend and get your approval and then we record it the following weekend.
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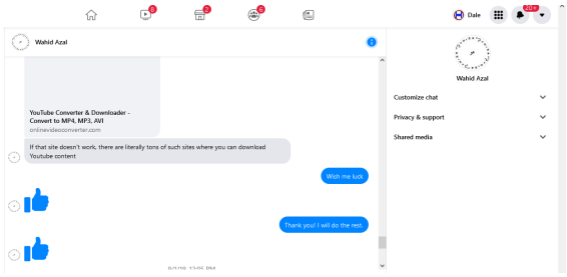

Wahid Azal
I know you are still grieving over your wife, which is why I kept silent about the podcast we were discussing doing months ago.
My late wife despised the Baha'is and everything they were about, and told me never to give up the fight against their pestilence.
Ever
So be it. Let us make plans.
Going back to sleep...
If you want to jump on skype, we can do this interview
August 17, 2019 at 11:17 AM
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We Americans have a term for people like Wahid Azal who pull two-faced shit like this!

https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Indian-Giver

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DESTROYING WAHID AZAL'S CREDIBILITY FOREVER!

I expect this to be my final blog entry ever referring to the notorious backstabber Wahid Azal. Previous blog entries dealing with him are as follows.

Baha'i government would be totally tyrannical

(Azal made a couple of comments there)

Baha'is must reject the Guardianship!

(He made several comments there.)

Another Battle with a Haifan Baha'i, this time on Blogspot

Another Baha'i picks a fight with me on YouTube

A Podcast/Interview featuring myself and Wahid Azal

Confronting Scott Hakala on Quora

Wahid Azal Slanders Me and Others in Reddit

Betrayed by Wahid Azal (podcast)

Suspended from reddit!

Wahid Azal strikes again!

Restoring my presence in reddit

On Christmas Eve of last year, Denis Giron, one of Wahid's enemies, made this comment on my blog.

https://dalehusband.com/2019/12/18/wahid-azal-strikes-again/#comment-16407

Denis Giron says:

December 24, 2019 at 8:09 AM Edit

I recently learned that “Wahid” still posts to the usenet newsgroup talk.religion.bahai (in fact, he’s almost the only person still posting there). That newsgroup can be browsed (and posted to) via groups.google.com. Myself and another person whom “Wahid” has libeled have recently posted there, and because it is unmoderated, “Wahid,” who is unable to have a sustained correspondence even on topics he himself brought up, has gone silent. Perhaps it might be said he fled (Proverbs 28:1).

Side note, he has posted about you there once or twice.

So I went looking for it, and sure enough, I found it a chaotic mess, full of Azal’s worthless pro-Bayani propaganda. I remembered his complaint about the “gatekeeping” in the exbahai subreddit and realized that Azal’s own toxic personality found this totally unmoderated Google group to be his ideal environment. Of course, that’s only true until others challenge him, at which point things can get miserable for such a narcissist like Azal.

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/talk.religion.bahai

The other person Giron referred to is Nate Abookire. He had already contacted me via Facebook.

My very first post in that group was a massive sucker punch at Azal.

Wahid Azal, enemy of Baha’is, Americans, white people, capitalists, and…..anyone not like him.

Naturally, he didn’t take kindly to my arrival and we proceeded to have a series of planet-sized verbal throw downs. For several weeks, this continued, even as I also restored my presence in reddit at the same time.

Then on February 3, 2020, things came to a dramatic head that gave me an opportunity I never even expected was ever possible!

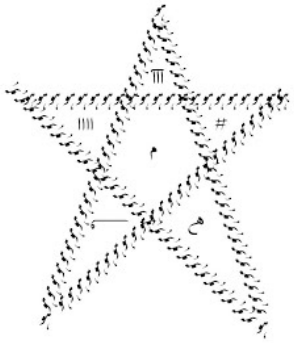
“First of all, Mr. Dale Husband was never my friend.” —Wahid Azal

WHAT???

Azal, posting under the name NUR, said: “He wasn’t. Friends do not occur on bandwidth without further interaction which involves three dimensional reality. You nerdy Yanks have been so plugged into the virtuality of cyberspace that you have lost all sense of the distinction between it and spatiotemporal reality. ”

For easy reference, here is that video where he denied the friendship with me. The denial is about seven minutes in. He also tells another lie about me about 35 minutes in that will be addressed later in this blog entry.

☐ Video:



Click to watch

I know I have occasionally called someone a pathological liar as an insult, but this was clearly a literal case of that! So I proceeded to CRUCIFY him in public!

Dale Husband

What else can you expect from a pathological liar? Even when his lies are clearly exposed, he literally CANNOT stop lying about the obvious.

Indeed, because of our battles together against the Baha'i Faith, Wahid Azal and I were more than just casual friends, but brothers in arms. He said so, more than once. First time was nearly a decade ago on my WordPress blog, as part of the longest and most intense verbal battle ever waged there.

https://dalehusband.com/2010/03/21/bahais-must-reject-the-guardianship/#comment-510

{{{wahidazal66 says:
March 23, 2010 at 9:13 PM Edit

Dear Dale,

You are a champ, my brother!

Seriously, though, don't waste your time with Dr Maniac. This apparat-chick is so far out in the left-field of cult-doom that she ought to rename herself Kristy Alley or some other celebrity Scientologist whack-job rather than her own name anymore.

Anyway, my point of view is that Bahaism of all hues has pretty much relegated itself to cultdom in perpetu and this thing will eventually become extinct over the next 100 years or maybe less. Eric Stetson's Unitarian Universalist Bahai venture might have the best of intentions at heart but to me it is also silliness squared coupled with a badly tempered Nietzchean "will to power." I hope he succeeds, but doubt he will beyond small circles, since I believe that demons and bad karma cannot by definition be reformed but transmuted beyond their originary forms — which in the case of Bahaism means throwing the baby out with the bath water and getting a new bay together with a completely new bathroom and bath. Unitarian Universalist Bahaism is just another attempt to repackage the demon and its negative karma in a kindler gentler suit. It is still the same old, same old. Just like a kindler gentler Soviet Communism didn't work, and a kindler gentler Islamism doesn't work, a kindler gentler Bahaism won't work either! Folks need to start moving on and fight the good fight where they are needed the most.

That said, the real #1 enemy right now, for me at least, is the regime in Iran (and Islamist fundalooniests

generally) followed closely by the multinational corporate Beast of Mammon ravaging our beloved Mother Gaia-Spendarmata (aka *Eywa*) all over this beleagured holy rock we all are inhabiting. The warriors needed, really, are in this domain and not amongst these silly cultist losers and NWOer Haifan Bahai loons who do not know their proverbial heads from their bloated backsides.

Much love to you and yours during this resplendent Spring, my main man! Keep up the good work.

Ya NUR
The AVATAR (aka Wahid) □}}}

Then in reddit last year:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/8ejifq/the_ultimate_bahai_delusion/

{{{wahidazal66

Brother Dale, be careful with your contrast and arguments. I agree that the Baha'i writings and their style are full of crap from start to finish. However, the comparison and argumentation you are offering comes with its own set of problems, baggages and fallacies because it is positing a cultural supremacist angle about the West and its materialist-scientistic focused civilization which has unleashed more destruction, genocide and mayhem on this planet than any theocentric one that preceded it. Style is also in the eye of the beholder. One style may appeal to one person whereas it may not to another.}}}

{{{wahidazal66

Brother Dale, indulge me. Islam's five daily prayer cycle (actually the Qur'an mentions only three and Shi'ites are required to perform only three daily prayers as long as these three daily salat prayers tally up to a total of seventeen cycles of standing, kneeling and prostration, i.e. raka'at) besides its spiritually centering component for the believer is also conducive to creating bonds of communal solidarity and camaraderie within a community of shared values between and among believing individuals. Right here a tendency of otherwise solitary individuals to fall prey to loneliness, melancholia and depression is eliminated upon the basis of the act of prayer and communal togetherness itself. The ideology behind secular Western Liberal humanism scoffs at such reasoning, but its own reasoning for ridiculing it is fatally flawed, IMHO, and the proof is in the pudding. As for the consumption of pork: modern science itself confirms that pork consumption leads to heart disease, high cholestral, and a litany of other health problems. The swine is also an animal that consumes literally everything around it, including its own feces as well as its own young and other pigs. If we are what we eat then consuming the flesh of swine means we are consuming the flesh of an animal who consumes its own feces, its own young and other members of its own species, not to mention all the toxic parasites that such an animal would necessarily take into itself as a consequence of what it consumes. You can throw out the religious sanctioned prohibitions and still are left to explain its medical and scientific (harmful) effects, which are measurable and tangible.}}}

Which is why I took his betrayal of me so hard, it was so unexpected and abrupt. But I guess he was lying to me even way back then!

But now he claims: {{{Friends do not occur on bandwidth without further interaction which involves three dimensional reality. You nerdy Yanks have been so plugged into the virtuality of cyberspace that you have lost all sense of the distinction between it and spatiotemporal reality.}}}

No, to me, all friendships are of equal value. Only a shallow asshole thinks of ANY person as disposable when it suits him. The inherit worth and dignity of all human beings is a value at the very core of my character, and it is

sad that Wahid does not share it.

No, I was far from finished!

Dale Husband

If you want further proof of how completely treacherous Wahid Azal is, note that on his podcast with Stephan Beyer, he claims that he rejected me because he is more loyal to principles than to individual people. But where did he get THAT idea from? Not from Babism!

https://dalehusband.com/about-the-author/an-honorable-skeptic/

{{{No matter how great the pressure, I feel that one must never "sell out". It is being able to stand up to the urge to conform to the shallow desires and priorites of others who have a limited vision that makes one truly heroic. I choose my friends according to my ideals; I never bend my ideals for the sake of keeping friends.}}}

That was written way back in 2005, even before I ever knew Azal. HE STOLE MY IDEA!

As for his equally bogus claim that I just showed up unexpectedly on iranian.com and that was where he first saw me, well.....

https://dalehusband.com/2009/05/16/bahai-government-would-be-totally-tyrannical/#comment-372

{{{wahidazal66 says:
August 6, 2009 at 5:33 AM Edit

Dear Dale,

I would encourage you highly to post this blog and any additional thoughts you might have on the subject to the site http://www.iranian.com. Currently the Baha'is are opportunistically using the occasion of the implosion of the theocracy in Iran to advertise their own brand of theofascism to a largely secular Iranian crowd. Since you are not an Iranian it would be nearly impossible for you to be accused by the Bahais of being an agent of the Islamic Republic.

Please open an account over there and offer your views.

Best regards,

Wahid Azal}}}

https://dalehusband.com/2009/05/16/bahai-government-would-be-totally-tyrannical/#comment-373
{{{Dale Husband says:
August 10, 2009 at 6:40 PM Edit

I was unable to create an account at the website in question, but Wahid Azal was still able to post a copy of my blog there:
http://iranian.com/main/blog/zulfiqar110/baha-i-government-would-be-totally-tyrannical

There was one positive response so far:

[ALL regligion-base government are...tyrannical! If a Bahai argues that a government based on the Bahai religion will be any different than, for example, the current Eslamic government, I'll be the first one to criticize it. But if the issue is to consider Iranian Bahais as full citizens who must be protected by the constitution, I'm all for it.

by Ostaad on Mon Aug 10, 2009 12:23 PM PDT]

Dale Husband: I agree with this. Baha'is' rights should never be violated by an Islamic government or any other.

The denialist responses from Baha'is were about what I expected:

[Ey morghe Hazin dont you worry, there will not be a Bahai Government. The aim of the Bahai, Gods' teachings is to change your self destructive hate and agitation into peace, not to change your government. What good will it do to change government with the same people like you with different names. Look how many times you have had to change your name and you are still the same afflicted soul.

By the way ghamgini is only trying to steal the spot light and detract people from the atrocities being committed in Iran by his brothers. They have used this tactic for the past 160 years with Bahais and before that.. . Every time there is discontent with the government they find Bahais as their sacrificial lamb.
by Waters on Sun Aug 09, 2009 03:01 PM PDT]

[Nima Hazini/Wahid Azal/Zulf...and all your future aliases..Take your meds ; you might learn to distort less, tell less Lies, Tell the truth more and hopefully need less of your prescriptions...
by faryarm on Sun Aug 09, 2009 01:46 PM PDT]

[This attack on the Baha'i Faith is quite a distortion of reality – as are most, if not all, such attacks. I will limit myself to a few comments.

Firstly, if you think that the nominating and campaigning process currently existing in the political process makes for a good selection of leaders, I am simply amazed. The whole injection of money, special interests, and ego into the political process both greatly limits the choice of the people and also creates an incredibly corrupt government. Now.....this process may be preferable to a more tyrannical form of government – but it is far from ideal. Over the past 39 years, I have seen the Baha'i electoral process on a local, national and international level and it is a simple beautiful and spiritual process – that allows people complete freedom of choice – while avoiding the corruptive influences that are inherant in the current political processes around the world. The process is this:

On a local level, all adult Baha'is gather together and, after prayerfully considering those who can best 'combine the necessary qualities of unquestioned loyalty, of selfless devotion, of a well-trained mind, of recognized ability and mature experience".and, after privately casting their ballot, the 9 people with the most votes form the Local Spiritual Assembly. The community is then asked if they accept the reults of the election. (Basically, the same process takes place on a national and international level – except that it happens every 5 years on the international level.)

Now, while it may be true that, thus far, the Baha'is elect incumbants to a great degree, they have the complete freedom in their choice and complete freedom in their questioning the results of the election – so where is the fault with this?

As far aThe requirements for Baha'i marriage are simple. First the man and woman must decide for themselves that they want to be married (ie, no arranged marriages by parents & relatives). Secondly, they must get permission from all living parents – unless there are extreme cases of mental incompetency, etc. Thirdly, they must repeat the vow 'We will all, verily, abide by the Will of God' in front of 2 witnesses approved by the Local Spiritual Assembly. That's it! Very simple – although Baha'is can add prayers, readings, music, etc to the marriage ceremony.

As far as the comments on homosexual behavior – yes, such behavior is not morally acceptable according to

Baha'i law but neither is heterosexual behavior outside of marriage. Baha'is do not judge anyone – but, as Baha'u'llah has given us very high moral standards (including no alcohol, drugs, etc,) as Baha'is we must do our best to try to overcome our weaknesses – even though it may take a lifetime to do so.

The real question is: is Baha'u'llah a Messenger from God? If He is, then from a Baha'i point of view, such questioning is irrelevant – except in our attempts to understand His laws and teachings. If He is not a Messenger, then He suffered in prison and exile for over 40 years for nothing – as did 10s of thousands who have given their life (and are still doing so) over the past 165 years – mostly in Iran.

Baha'u'llah says that we should not blindly follow our ancestors, religious leaders, etc – that we need to think and see for ourselves. So….I encourage you to rid yourselves of whatever prejudices you have learned in the past and, with an open mind, investigate.

by Alrandolin on Sun Aug 09, 2009 09:19 AM PDT]

Dale Husband: So this is what Baha'is do when they are confronted with the absurdity of their dogmas: Personal attacks, innuendo, and parroting the talking points instead of dealing with the real issues I raised! I'm glad I'm no longer one of them!}}}

https://dalehusband.com/2009/05/16/bahai-government-would-be-totally-tyrannical/#comment-374

{{{wahidazal66 says:

August 10, 2009 at 10:52 PM Edit

Thanks, Dale. Me too, i.e. glad not to be one of them.

Keep fighting the good fight.

Yours in appreciation,

Wahid}}}

How I miss those days.

ROTFL!!!

Denis Giron

Okay, wait, am I understanding this correctly? Did Nima, the man who claimed you just suddenly appeared in Iranian.com out of no where, actually serve as the one who encouraged you to join the site? If so, haha! That's gold!

Gold, silver, platinum, and STEEL!

Dale Husband

Ever heard of the Wayback Machine? It's such a useful tool for digging up old dirt that others prefer to forget or deny many years later.

https://web.archive.org/web/20090825051754/http://www.iranian.com/main/blog/zulfiqar110/baha-i-government-would-be-totally-tyrannical

Oh, here's a comment there I never noticed before!

{{{Dale Husband's response – (The Missing Prologue!)

by Anvar on Wed Aug 12, 2009 12:01 AM PDT

Zulfiqar110, you left out the best and only interesting part out of Dale Husband's (who?) blog.

This is what "Wahidazal66" wrote in the same blog:

[[[[[wahidazal66 said

August 6, 2009 at 5:33 AM
Dear Dale,
I would encourage you highly to post this blog and any additional thoughts you might have on the subject to the site http://www.iranian.com. Currently the Baha'is are opportunistically using the occasion of the implosion of the theocracy in Iran to advertise their own brand of theofascism to a largely secular Iranian crowd. Since you are not an Iranian it would be nearly impossible for you to be accused by the Bahais of being an agent of the Islamic Republic.
Please open an account over there and offer your views.
Best regards,

Wahid Azal]]]]]

(Above is response #2 from the blog here):
http://circleh.wordpress.com/2009/05/16/bahai-gove...

This is Dale Husband's response to the above request in the same blog:
"I was unable to create an account at the website in question (Iranian.com – Anvar's clarification), but Wahid Azal was still able to post a copy of my blog there..."

Zuliqar110, I must admit that I was not surprised by your desperate plea but very impressed with your politeness. Didn't think you had it in you. You must have learned some virtues when you were a child. God bless that value system, whatever it was. ☐

But let me ask you this. How come Dale Husband was not able to create an account here but you seem to have been able to create so many? Maybe he's just not as competent as you. Even though, after all these years, he has managed to garner exactly 8 followers to his blog. I wonder who the other 4 are.

Seriously, *Zulfiqar110*, don't you feel pathetic begging for the support of these anti-Baha'is on the Internet for your ill fated mission? What a waste of human energy and dignity to constantly wage war with people who have absolutely no animosity towards you!

Now, don't you run off crying to your mom & dad (Sophia & Dale) again that Baha'is are ganging up on the poor, defenseless, and helpless Zulfiqar (actually, hopeless is more like it). Just hang in there and, sooner or later, one of your minions will pop up to "support" you. If you can't wait that long, ask one of your buddies on this site to loan their password to Dale Husband so that he may "share any additional thoughts he may have" to enlighten us. Or, just give him one of your own extra user IDs.

There's no doubt that you are doing your best to seek out and solicit anti-Baha'is to come here to "neutrally and independently" share their wisdom with everyone. Only a twisted mind would believe that ordinary and open-minded people would prefer to get the official Baha'i viewpoints, on any issue, from non or anti Baha'is.

You know – no matter how much fun I'm having here with you, *Zulfiqar110*, I still love ya. So don't get unnecessarily enraged and login as *Covenant* to write a blog and debase yourself any further.

Give my regards to Wahidazal66. I wonder if he left out the other 6 on purpose (666).

For future references, keep this Yiddish proverb in mind: “A half-truth is a whole lie.”

Anvar = Anvar # XXX # YYY #etc.,
Brighter than NUR, in more ways than one}}}

Later, I succeeded in making an account there. And posted my own blog entries myself there. If I find any, I will link to one or two also.

It really pays to have an excellent memory!

Dale Husband

Here’s one of my copied blog entries I made myself there:

https://web.archive.org/web/20100806190434/http://www.iranian.com/main/blog/dale-husband/muslims-get-life

I wonder if this is what later caused Azal to call me an Islamophobe. Uh, no, this was way back in 2010! It’s not Islamophobic at all, anymore than Jesus, himself a Jew criticizing other Jews for their hypocrisy, should have been called anti-Semetic. I even quoted the Quran to support my case!

My most damning blog entry against the Baha’i Faith:
https://web.archive.org/web/20100803214625/http://www.iranian.com/main/blog/dale-husband/fatal-flaw-baha-i-authority

A follow up is here:
https://web.archive.org/web/20100719054517/http://www.iranian.com/main/blog/dale-husband/independent-investigation-truth-baha-i-case-hypocrisy

Where Wahid and I interacted for the first time on that site:

{{{Hi Dale
by Nur-i-Azal on Wed Mar 03, 2010 12:53 AM PST

Good to see you finally got an account here, brother. Months ago the flock here where accusing me of being you.}}}

{{{Reply to faryarm, corcord, and Azal
by Dale_Husband on Thu Mar 04, 2010 12:32 AM PST

I know Baha’is are not perfect and do a lot of good. Saying that is like saying Earth is not flat and has a lot of life forms. MY point is that the Baha’i teachings and how they are practiced are no better or worse than any other form of religious dogmatism. Until you deal with that and stop sounding so superior to other religions, you will get nowhere in dealing with non-Baha’is in the spirit of truth.

{Good to see you finally got an account here, brother. Months ago the flock here where accusing me of being you.}

I’ve been told personal attacks are not allowed here. Sad to see that some Baha’is, when confronted with the embarrasing facts, do that. That tells you more about the failings of the Faith than anything I could write about it. }}}

I should send a donation to the makers of that Wayback Machine. I really owe them, don’t I?

Dale Husband

And in the ultimate case of Earth's core irony imaginable:

https://web.archive.org/web/20100719054517/http://www.iranian.com/main/blog/dale-husband/independent-investigation-truth-baha-i-case-hypocrisy

{{{"I live and let live, I do not challenge authority"
by Nur-i-Azal on Thu Mar 04, 2010 01:00 PM PST

This man [Dale Husband], whom all of you accused here at one stage of being me, has made some valid points. Instead of attacking him address his points honestly. As I keep telling you people here and elsewhere, denial is not a river in Egypt!

Ya NUR }}}

LOL!!!

Nate Abookire

Great finds, Dale.

Let's keep making publicly available the evidence of Nima Hazini's aka Wahid Azal's wild ideological and psychological swings and inconsistencies and indeed outright lies (I admit I still vacillate on whether this is all intentional lying or if at some level he truly believes his lies and compulsively lies when cornered to prevent himself from having to acknowledge that he is not in tune with reality, has maliciously attacked and tried hurting others, or even to acknowledge what is otherwise normal: people change.)

VICTORY!!!

Update:

Wahid Azal has suffered another defeat! Blogger, the blog hosting web system, kicked him off!
https://www.blogger.com/blogin.g?blogspotURL=https://wahidazal.blogspot.com/

Blog has been removed

Sorry, the blog at wahidazal.blogspot.com has been removed. This address is not available for new blogs.

Sometimes, you CAN get justice in this messed up world!

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ED BRAYTON HAS DIED.

One of the most ethical atheists in the world was Ed Brayton, whose blog **Dispatches from the Culture Wars** I used to read often. He and I did have a falling out over different views of feminism (we are both pro-feminist, he was just more radical than me) and I forgot about him for a long time. And now I have learned he is dead.

> Saying Goodbye for the Last Time
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> [Video: https://www.patheos.com/blogs/dispatches/2020/08/10/saying-goodbye-for-the-last-time/embed/#?secret=jfPpvTQvQA#?secret=yf4PpyZusu]
>
> Some of you no doubt know this already, but I have decided to end my battle to the death with death. I'm entering hospice care and would like to slip into the eternal abyss in the next couple weeks. I reached the point where I simply have no fight left in me. I wish it were not so. But I have a few things to say first.
>
> First, a profound thank you to those of you who turned this blog into a community. It has meant the world to me that it has become not merely a place for me to write, but a place where we shared ideas and values and helped fight the battles for equality, justice and liberty. Thank you all so much. Also to my fellow bloggers here. You have all added to my life immeasurably and I am forever grateful.
>
> I'm also very grateful for an amazing group of friends and family who have gone way above and beyond to support me and love me. And to the doctors, nurses and aides who have taken care of me along the way. But it's a time like this that makes one evaluate their life and most important beliefs. So, to that task.
>
> I am not afraid of death, but I am afraid to die painfully and with suffering. My hope is that hospice will put me on a morphine or dilaudid drip and knock me out so I don't feel anything, then I can just slip away. That's essentially what happened with my dear friend Connie a few years ago. And I hope we can do it at home, as we did with her. I'd rather be with loved ones than in a facility. I'll stay either with my best friend Rick or my parents.
>
> Regrets? Mostly about the things I'll never get to do now. I would love to have made Secular Quemanism a reality. Perhaps someone else can run with the idea now in my place (Mike Slomka? Bueller?) I still think it's a great and important idea. I won't be able to continue to advocate for humanism as an important philosophy. That sucks. I just have so much more to say and do.
>
> My greatest hope is that after I'm gone the world continues to become more fair, just and equal. What else could we possibly hope for and work for? I urge you all to keep fighting the good fight for those core values. Who should you look to for leadership? I nominate Dale McGowan, the finest example of humanism I know, and Matt Dillahunty. They should be the public face and voice of this movement, not Dawkins or Krauss or Shermer.
>
> Don't be sad about this, be hopeful. I got to make the decision myself and spare others from that awful task. I did it while still of sound mind, if not body. That means the world to me. I maintained my self-determination until the end.
>
> In closing, let me just say thank you again. You made my life better, richer and more fulfilled and who could ask for more? Goodbye, one and all. I will miss you as I hope you will miss me. Be good to each other along this incredible journey.

P Z Myers, who I was once also a fan of and later came to dislike, paid tribute to Brayton.

A sad announcement from Ed Brayton

[Video: https://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2020/08/09/a-sad-announcement-from-ed-brayton/embed/#?secret=FS5DoYmOeS]

> Ed Brayton and I had some contentious disagreements back in the day, but we managed to put all that behind us and set up the Freethoughtblogs network with a mutual understanding that we needed something beyond the atheist movement, some kind of organization that would support diversity and social justice and not just tearing down religion. He named the network — we agreed that we didn't want "atheist" anywhere in our label, even if we were effectively an atheist group, because even then the word was getting tainted — and he and I together made the initial investment in the site. We owe a lot to Ed.
>
> Unfortunately, he's also suffered from serious health problems over the years, and left the network he built to run a blog on Patheos. This was an amicable decision with zero drama behind the scenes or in front of it — he just decided that he couldn't cope with the day-to-day chores of management, and just wanted a space where he could write with no pressure.
>
> His health has worsened. He's been in and out of hospitals for a while. People have been asking me how he's doing, since his postings have become intermittent, and I don't know either! Unfortunately, he just posted this to Facebook:
>
> > I'm giving up and calling in hospice. I just can't do this anymore. To those who know me in real life I love you and I'm sorry. I did my best.
>
> He always has done his best, and he will be missed.

Ed Brayton has died

[Video: https://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2020/08/13/ed-brayton-has-died/embed/#?secret=NA2OQX65mM]

In Memoriam: Ed Brayton

[Video: https://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2020/09/21/in-memoriam-ed-brayton/embed/#?secret=uWJDOk809Q]

> Next Sunday, 27 September, we'll be remembering the life of Ed Brayton in a conversation.
>
> ☐ Video:



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> If any of you would like to share a few words, write to me and I can send you a link. If you'd rather not make a direct appearance, show up and leave a comment in the chat — I'll read some of them into the record.

Again, I had disagreements with both of them, but these were minor; I never considered either of them to be as treacherous and dangerous as someone like **Thunderfoot**, **Wahid Azal**, or others on **my enemies list**.

Rest in power, noble warrior for truth and justice. Those skeptics and progressive activists who live after you will continue the fight.

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EQUALITY OF THE SEXES? NOT IN THE BAHA'I FAITH!

The Baha'i Faith claims to support the ideal of equality of men and women as a basic teaching. Equality implies that members of both genders, all else being the same, have the exact same rights and opportunities in society.

Consider this statement from an official Baha'i website:

http://info.bahai.org/article-1-9-1-9.html

> **Two Wings of a Bird: The Equality of Women and Men**
>
> *A Statement of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States*
>
> The emancipation of women, the achievement of full equality between the sexes, is essential to human progress and the transformation of society. Inequality retards not only the advancement of women but the progress of civilization itself. The persistent denial of equality to one-half of the world's population is an affront to human dignity. It promotes destructive attitudes and habits in men and women that pass from the family to the work place, to political life, and, ultimately, to international relations. On no grounds, moral, biological, or traditional, can inequality be justified. The moral and psychological climate necessary to enable our nation to establish social justice and to contribute to global peace will be created only when women attain full partnership with men in all fields of endeavor.

Nice words. But does the reality measure up to them?

http://bahai-library.com/uhj_women_uhj

> **Women on the Universal House of Justice**
> *by Universal House of Justice*
>
> To: National Spiritual Assembly of New Zealand
> We have been informed of a paper, presented at a recent New Zealand Bahá'í Studies conference, which raises the possibility that the ineligibility of women for membership on the Universal House of Justice may be a temporary provision subject to change through a process of progressive unfoldment of the divine purpose. We present the following points as a means of increasing the friends' understanding of this established provision of the Order of Bahá'u'lláh that membership of the Universal House of Justice is confined to men.
> The system of Bahá'í Administration is "indissolubly bound with the essential verities of the Faith" as set forth in the writings of Bahá'u'lláh and Abdul' Baha. A unique feature of this system is the appointment of authorized interpreters, in the persons of Abdu'l Baha and the Guardian, to provide authoritative statements on the intent of Bahá'u'lláh's revelation. Writing in The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh, Shogi Effendi stated that "Abdul' Baha and the Guardian " share . . . the right and obligation to interpret the Bahá'í Teachings". In relation to his own function as interpreter, he further stated that "the Guardian has been specifically endowed with such power as he may need to reveal the purport and disclose the implications of the utterances of Bahá'u'lláh and of Abdu'l Baha". The significance of this important provision is that the religion of God is safeguarded and protected against schism and its essential unity is preserved.
> <snip>
> With regard to the status of women, the important point for Bahá'ís to remember is that in the face of the categorical pronouncements in Bahá'í Scripture establishing the equality of men and women, the ineligibility of women for membership on the Universal House of Justice does not constitute evidence of the superiority of men over women. It must also be borne in mind that women are not excluded from any other international institution of the Faith. They are found among the ranks of the Hands of the Cause. They serve as members of

> the International Teaching Center and as Continental Counsellors. And, there is nothing in the text to preclude the participation of women in such future international bodies as the Supreme Tribunal.

Not only are women excluded from membership in the Universal House of Justice, but this body has absolute power over the rest of the worldwide Baha'i community, by its being considered infallible, like Baha'u'llah, Abdu'l-Baha, and Shoghi Effendi before them. All of them were also men, by the way.
http://bahai-covenant.blogspot.com/2010/11/house-justice-legislation-infallibility.html

> Bahá'u'lláh revealed the basic laws for His Dispensation and ordained the Universal House of Justice to pass subsidiary laws "regarding those things which have not outwardly been revealed in the Book". (TB 68) With these words, Bahá'u'lláh promises divine guidance to the Universal House of Justice in the legislative process: "God will verily inspire them with whatsoever He willeth, and He verily is the Provider, the Omniscient." (TB 68) Likewise, `Abdu'l-Bahá promised in His Will that the Universal House of Justice would be under "the care and protection" of Bahá'u'lláh, and under "the shelter and unerring guidance" of the Báb. (WT 11) In the Second Part of His Will, `Abdu'l-Bahá promised that the decisions of the Universal House of Justice functioning with only its elected membership, whether unanimously or by majority vote, would be "the truth and the purpose of God Himself," (WT 19) a subject which is more fully discussed here.

Clearly, the idea that the sexes are equal in the Baha'i Faith is an outright lie. When a body that has absolute power excludes women from its membership, that means the women of that community have NO power of their own and any appearances of authority from any Baha'i woman is merely phony window dressing. Indeed, the whole concept of equality of men and women in the Baha'i Faith is an insidious form of doublespeak.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doublespeak

> Doublespeak is language that deliberately disguises, distorts, or reverses the meaning of words. Doublespeak may take the form of euphemisms (e.g., "downsizing" for layoffs, "servicing the target" for bombing [1]), making the truth less unpleasant, without denying its nature. It may also be deployed as intentional ambiguity, or reversal of meaning (for example, naming a state of war "peace"). In such cases, doublespeak disguises the nature of the truth, producing a communication bypass.

And any religion that engages in such dishonesty must be condemned!

"You women are equal because we men say you are equal, but NO, you cannot have the same authority over others that we men do.....BECAUSE WE SAY SO!"

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FACTS WORTH REPEATING ABOUT SHOGHI EFFENDI

Shoghi Effendi is known to Baha'is around the world as the Guardian of their Faith. But with a Guardian like him, the Baha'i Faith never needed enemies to destroy it!

Consider that in 1957, he:

1. Died at age 60,
2. Died suddenly of Asiatic Flu,
3. Died in London, not the Baha'i World Center,
4. Died in the middle of the Ten Year World Crusade (1953-1963),
5. Left no will and testament,
6. Had appointed no successor, and
7. Had expelled from the Baha'i Community, often for trivial reasons, EVERY ONE OF HIS BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND MALE AND FEMALE COUSINS! None of them were spared his holy wrath.

And every single issue cited above was either a **discrediting or disobedience of some Baha'i scripture** or is something that was totally unnecessary and made the obedience to Baha'i scripture impossible.

Also, if Abdu'l-Baha really believed in **the equality of men and women**, he would not have appointed his 21 year old grandSON his immediate successor, but would have instead appointed his eldest DAUGHTER. But she, even as the mother of Shoghi Effendi, is merely a footnote in Baha'i history. So Abdu'l-Baha was himself a hypocrite! Did you know that in the early years of his Guardianship, Shoghi Effendi tended to take long vacations in the Swiss Alps to get away from his duties and his relatives had to beg him to return? As long as the Greatest Holy Leaf, Abdu'l-Baha's sister, was still alive, she could keep him in check, but after she died, he became a tyrant to his relatives, treating them like mere servants and punishing them whenever they dared to question his orders and demands. This is what happens when you give a man so much power that he thinks he is like God! Shoghi Effendi was a megalomanic that official Baha'i propaganda has tried to whitewash with false narratives decades after the fact, but the truth speaks for itself and cannot be excused.

This is a direct quote from the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha:

> The sacred and youthful branch, the Guardian of the Cause of God, as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abhá Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both).

Read again the circumstances of the Guardian's death. I guess the issue of "care and protection" for him was indeed a lie!

The Covenant of the Baha'i Faith is dead, may it be buried forever!

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FALSE PROPHETS

Take a look at this web page:

http://www.bahaiawareness.com/false_prophets.html

> The Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh) prophesised that "there will arise 30 imposters in my nation and each one of them will pronounce that he is a prophet, but I am the last in the line of the Prophets and no Messenger will follow me."
>
> (There follows a list of these "false prophets" including....)
>
> - **Bab: Another false claimant to prophethood, and the predecessor of Bahaullah, was Mizra Ali Muhammad, who initially declared himself the "Bab" (Gate) to the Mahdi, and eventually progressed into other claims. He was embraced by the Shaykhis sect of Shi'a , who were then renamed "Babis". Subsequently, he declared himself to be the Shi'ite's hidden Mahdi. After declaring himself the Mahdi, he moved on to call himself Nuqtiyiula and declared that the Quran and Muslim Shari'a were now abrogated. Shi'a and Sunni scholars condemned him and Bab faced a series of imprisonment, trials, and indignities before being shot dead by a firing squad in 1850.**
> - **Bahaullah: The self-proclaimed successor to the Bab, and another liar/false claimant to prophecy was Mizra Hussein Ali Nuri. In 1863 Hussein Ali, a prominent member of the Babi group, declared himself to be the person whom God will make manifest, whom the Bab had foretold. He also took the name Bahaullah (Glory of God) and formed a new religion, the Bahai faith. Bahaullah was banished from Persia and was eventually imprisoned in Akka-Palestine. There he wrote his main work, his Kitab-ul-Aqdas (Most Holy Book), and developed the doctrine of the Bahai faith into a comprehensive teaching.**
>
> So as you can see, the situation is clear. There were many false prophets who came after Mohammed(pbuh). There is nothing to show that the Bahai Faith stands out from any other false religion.

In my **Critical Analysis of the Kitab-i-Aqdas**, I discredited Baha'u'llah. I did not do so because of my belief in Muhammad.

Question: How can we know that Muhammad himself was not a false prophet too? If your only reason for rejecting a claimant to prophethood is that he came after Muhammad, then why can't Christians reject Muhammad because he came after Jesus? According to Christian teachings, NO ONE can ever replace Jesus, not even Muhammad! Jesus was the Son of God!

I have long believed that Muhammad was a liar and insulter of Allah precisely because he claimed to be the last Prophet or Messenger, because such a claim means that Allah is silenced forever, thus denying Allah's sovereignty. And if you deny that, how can you be a credible servant of Allah?

> Fifthly, the teachings and revelations cannot have contradictions. For example, saying that God is Truthful and Keeper of promises, but then say that God broke his promise to Noah about the hour of the flood (Kitab-i-Eqan). Isn't it contradictory? or that Men and Women are equal but yet women cannot serve on the highest council in the Bahai Faith called the Universal House of Justice?

Well, here in this blog entry I have shown a contradiction of Islam. Muhammad was a fraud and Muslims might as well all be atheists.

THERE IS NO GOD AND MUHAMMAD WAS NOT HIS PROPHET!!!!

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FEATURED IN A MAGAZINE CRITICAL OF THE BAHA'I FAITH

A few months ago, I was contacted via Facebook by Hamid Farnagh and he requested I provide material for his magazine, which is dedicated to criticizing the Baha'i Faith. I complied and soon portions of my writings appeared there, along with a description of me.



I then requested he send me an English translation of what was written so I could be sure my writings had been properly represented. He promised me he would do so, but his efforts were delayed by his contracting the coronavirus, which he survived. Once he got well, he kept his word to me and I got the translation in email, which I then downloaded and read. Now I will share that text with my readers.

The Baha'i Faith from the Viewpoint of the Baha'i Critics and Intellectuals

Part Eight: Dale Husband

Hamid Farnagh, Master of International Law

Abstract

Dale Husband is one of the researchers and writers who became acquainted with Baha'i teachings during his nearly nine years of membership in the Baha'i community and organization. He then wrote to the Bahai National Assembly of USA that after years of investigating of the truth, I finally came to the sad conclusion that I could no longer believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established under his name, such as Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am fully convinced that the Bahais are incapable of achieving their goals and teachings of peace, world unity, and the golden age of human society. Husband does not believe in infallibility of the Bahai central figures and Institutions, and assumes such a belief as an initial movement toward dictatorship and tyranny within the Baha'i community.

He strongly criticizes the legitimacy of the Baha'i leadership after Abdu'l-Baha, and believes that it should have been vested to Mohammad Ali Effendi. He considers illegitimate the current leadership of the Bahai community (located in Haifa, Israel), and believes that the Baha'ism has achieved nothing during its 170 years existence. He is a Unitarian Baha'i.

Strictly speaking, I am a supporter of the **Unitarian Baha'i movement**, thinking it the **only legitimate version** of the Baha'i Faith in existence, but I do not practice the Faith at all and think the world can do well without it. I am a **Humanist** and a **Unitarian Universalist.**

Foreword (Repeated in all 8 articles)

Since the advent of the Bahai Faith, the teachings of this school of thought have always been subject to criticism and have been subjected to various protests.

Muslim and Christian scholars, and proponents of the divine religions, in general, have written various books protesting the legitimacy and teachings of the Bahai Faith, which sees itself as a developed version of Islam and the divine religions.

In addition to the followers of monotheistic religions and religious thinkers, the Baha'is have also been criticized by non-divine writers and thinkers. Each of them has criticized the teachings of this new emerging Iranian faith from a particular perspective.

The Baha'i organization first tried to keep Baha'is less aware of the opposition's criticisms and protests. Therefore, not only did not recommend reading such books and articles, but also encouraged the Bahais to render those letters, articles and magazines of the opposition without reading them to the local Assembly (the 9-member board of Baha'i organizations in each city).

Today, the Baha'i organization is trying to discredit its opponents and call them as illiterate, mercenaries, dissidents, anti-Baha'is, unfamiliar with Baha'ism, ambitious, and so on. This has discredited them, and so far it has taken great steps in this direction, and it has been able to create deep gaps between the Baha'i masses and those who are intellectual critics of the Baha'ism.

But over time, with the proliferation of cyberspace and the rapid access of individuals to information, unbiased Baha'is have been able to access to various articles and books written in the Baha'i realm and seek logical answers to the opposition's protests.

A new phenomenon in the Bahai world community since 1996 has been the emergence of critics from within the Bahai Community. Of course, conversion of the important and cultured people from the Iranian Baha'is and their inclination towards Islam or sectarian divisions has a long history. But with the spread of cyberspace and the Internet, it has become possible for some Baha'i intellectuals and thinkers in the West, to protest the views and actions of the leadership of the Baha'i International Community, the Universal House of Justice, seated in Israel.

These intellectuals, who were typically elites of the Baha'i community, had academic education studies in the Baha'i realm, and had sufficient knowledge of the Baha'i Faith and its teachings, inquired the Baha'i organization and its leadership in Haifa, and protested their authoritarian decisions. They believe that the (charismatic) spiritual leadership of the Bahai Faith is replaced with a semi-electoral oligarchy, whose structure and decisions are regularly criticized by opponents and domestic believers and former Baha'is; and the development of the Internet has paved the way for further expansion of these grievances.

The leadership of the Bahaism in Haifa, who considers itself divinely appointed and immune from any error and mistake, rejected the oppositions of the intellectuals and started a serious worldwide fighting against them. For this reason, they used their secret intelligence agency (Boards of continental Counselors) and expelled a lot of them on different pretexts from the Baha'i community and or took movements to force them to resign and leave the Baha'i Community.

In view of the UHJ, the Baha'is must obey just one voice and one app approach roach of the Faith and advertise it, which is the approach of the organization and leadership of the Baha'ism. Based on this perspective, any action, expression, opinion, analysis or interpretation, and even any question contrary to the policies and views of UHJ and NSAs along the world is forbidden. And the committed people after receipt of a notice – or even sometimes without a notice – are excommunicated from the Baha'i communities, and any contact or correspondence with them is forbidden. At times, the people are put under pressure, so that they have no choice but to resign and exit from the Baha'i Faith.

This type of harsh and irrational acts has caused educated thinkers like William Garlington, Juan Cole, Frederick Glaysher, Dennis Mac Eoin, George Flemming, Alison Marshall, Steven Scholl, Sen Mc Glynn, Francesco Ficcichia, etc; who have been member of the Bahai communities for years, and had taught it for years, were forced to separate from it, and freely publish their critical articles and books in academic journals, and cyber media.

This article tries to provide a brief overview of the views and opinions of another Ex-Bahai intellectual on the Baha'i organization. Although it is necessary for educated scholars to enter this field and provide more complete studies in this field for the respected interested people.

Everything in that section above seems accurate. The cultlike aspects of the mainstream Baha'i leadership and community is shocking to behold and must be repeatedly exposed and confronted in public.

Dale Wayne Husband

Dale Wayne Husband, a 50-year-old Baha'i thinker, speaker, writer, researcher, and scholar, was born on May 8, 1969, in Fort Worth, Texas, USA, and grew up in a Protestant Christian family without any special affiliation to the church.

From the age of 15 to 20, he was a member of the Evangelic Christian Church. But after entering the university, he came to the conclusion that most

of the teachings offered by the Christian missionaries and priests were false and untrue.

From the age of 20 to 27, Dale was a philanthropist and a member of the Unitarian Church. But gradually he felt that the thoughts of this group were empty and free from great concepts and values.

He as an agnostic humanist rejects atheism, and considers it another form of superstition and bigotry. He tries to get away from any kind of prejudice and superstition of religions and rituals, in the light of reason and logic, and the findings of human knowledge. So from a young age, he became particularly interested in science, astronomy, history, and topics.

He graduated from Tarrant County College in 2000 with a degree in science and is currently working at the Amazon Institute. Freed from Baha'i prejudices, he reverted to what is now considered to be his true self: Willing to learn from religious traditions without being bound by anything dogmatic. In 2005, in order to reconcile his spiritual side with his skeptical side, he invented his philosophy of Honorable Skepticism which has guided him ever since.

This section is mostly based on:

https://dalehusband.com/about-the-author/my-spiritual-journeys/

Problem: As an agnostic humanist, I cannot actually be a Baha'i, since the Baha'i Faith is a God-centered religion. I made that clear here:

https://dalehusband.com/2007/10/19/why-i-quit-the-bahai-faith/

> *I am a non-theist now, worshipping no God and following no faith. And I do not foresee myself being anything else. The Baha'i Faith was the last chance I was willing to give for a God centered religion to rule my life....and now I know that none ever will.*

I also have no hostility towards atheism, but I do find many atheists as persons to be offensive.

I also no longer work for the Amazon company and currently am employed by Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart. Anyway, moving on.....

Dale became a member of the Baha'i community in 1995, and after attending Baha'i teaching programs and Fireside meetings (A form of Baha'i teaching that was held in Baha'i homes during those years, in which a non-Baha'i – beginner – was promoted by the Baha'I teachers.)

He became interested in the Baha'ism in Bedford. He writes about his becoming a Baha'I as below:

In the mid-1990s, I was in a state of mental confusion. Growing up and raised in a Christian environment, learned from some disgusting and hypocritical behaviors of Christian leaders, as well as some of the conflicts and contradictions in the Bible, I left the Christian church.

In 1995, I received a pamphlet on the Baha'ism, which was very interesting. The Baha'is claimed to believe in the God of other religions, and they considered other religions to be valid and enforceable. And like the Universalist Unitarians, they certify the beliefs of others, regardless of religion or creed. I thought the Baha'is and the Unitarians had a common denominations, and were twin sisters. So after a few months of attending public meetings, as well as reading the book, Bahaullah and the New Era, I accepted the Bahai Faith and was pleased.

Of course, in the following years things happened, and the hidden half became clear, and after research and study in the Baha'is, I finally came to the conclusion that I could not believe in Bahaullah and Bahai institutions such as the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. "And at the end of 2004, I left the Baha'i community in the United States."

In a letter to the National Baha'i Assembly, he wrote:

"... After years of researching the truth, I have finally come to the sad conclusion that I can no longer believe in Bahaullah or any of the institutions established under his name, such as Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice.

I am fully convinced that the Baha'ism is incapable of achieving its goals and teachings, such as creating world peace, uniting the human world, creating a golden age for human society, and so on. Therefore, I am resigning from the Baha'i community."

With regrets,

Dale Husband

The original version of that statement can be found here in red:

https://dalehusband.com/2017/01/22/why-i-abandoned-the-haifan-bahai-faith/

He continues: "I prepared this letter and sent it in January 2005. A few weeks later, the US National Assembly responded by announcing that it had accepted my resignation and expressed hope that one day I would return to the Baha'i community. After that, I cut off all communications with the Baha'i community in my city (Fort Worth).

After leaving the Baha'i Faith, Dale Husband re-joined the UU Union. But after establishment of the Association of Unitarian Bahais by Eric Estetson, which was aimed to integrate the "Westernized" Baha'i ideas and teachings, and the ideas of the UU, Dale began to support this idea.

Husband believes that Baha'ism should undergo fundamental reforms and changes, and integrate with the UU Group. Otherwise, and if disregard the teachings of the UUs, the Baha'ism will have no fate but destruction and annihilation.
Currently Dale has a pessimistic and critical view toward Baha'ism and, while advocating humane and experimental reason and logic, denies the dogmatic beliefs of the Baha'ism (or any other religion).

That part is indeed accurate.

The Cause of Leaving the Bahai Faith

Critics and opponents of the organization have no place in the Bahai Faith. Such individuals are simply expelled from the Baha'i community, or the Baha'i organization plans to force the critic to resign.

In October 2007, Dale referred to his departure from Baha'ism in his article, "Why I abandoned the Haifan Bahai Faith?" and wrote:
"I was a Christian in my teens. In my early twenties, I abandoned Christianity due to its flaws, conflicts, and shortcomings. The Baha'is explained that apart from the fact that Jesus Christ was a divine prophet (or manifestation), his religion had been perverted and corrupted over the centuries, and that most Christians were no longer followers of him, but followers of Human beings' thoughts and worldly ideas!

In joining the Baha'i community, I thought I was seeing what the early Christians in the Roman Empire were like, except that unlike them the Bahais would not split into competing sects and engage in wars against each other. If only everyone in the world became Bahai, I was told, we would be at peace and prosperity forever.

What a wonderful vision! But human nature will NEVER allow for it! The reason is that the leadership of the Baha'i Faith, from its founder, Bahaullah, to the Universal House of Justice today, claim to be infallible because it is guided by God. Yet we know that Bahaullah, his son Abdu'l-Baha, Abdul-Baha's grandson Shoghi Effendi (the Guardian of the Faith), and the members of the Universal House of Justice were/are all human beings. What evidence do we have that ANY of them are infallible? NONE! And if you cannot question the will of a leadership, what do you in fact have? Tyranny! And what does tyranny always lead to, according to history? Corruption and injustice! And that, in turn results in the system breaking down over time. Indeed, the very idea that any human being, human run institution, or human product is infallible is sheer nonsense. It is the most dangerous idea in the world!

Also, I finally began to see that the Bahai Faith also has errors, contradictions, and failures of its own, despite being less than 200 years old. It was my coming to understand this that finally led me to leave the Faith with a heavy heart. The**hypocrisies of the Baha'i Faith's own dogmas** can be summed up as follows:

1. State that religion no longer needs clergy... and replace them with leaders that are as authoritarian as the clergy ever was.
2. Claim that men and women should be equal.....but then deny women membership in the all-powerful leadership council of the religion.
3. Condemn as heretics those who believe in your religion but dare to challenge the claims of your religion's current leadership, while at the same time claiming to welcome as friends the followers of other religions.
4. Claim there is harmony between science and religion, but also claim that anything your leaders say is absolutely true, even if on topics science is

expected to address.

5. Claim to shun partisan politics, but favor a government of their own, which is as partisan as it gets.

Then there are the scandals I discovered which really disturbed me, even after I had left the Faith.

A. The Violation of Abdul-Baha

Bahaullah in the The Kitáb-i-Ahd, or Book of the Covenant (his Will and Testament) appointed Abdu'l-Baha as his successor, but also started that Abdu'l-Baha's younger brother Mirza Muhammad Ali should be below him in rank and also be his immediate successor. Abdu'l-Baha disobeyed this commandment by depriving Muhammad Ali of any rank and replacing him as successor with his grandson, Shoghi Effendi, in his own Will and Testament.

B. The Madness of Shoghi Effendi

Abdu'l-Baha, in the same Will and Testament that appointed Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Cause of God, stated that the Guardian must appoint either his firstborn or another branch (male descendant of Baha'u'llah) as his successor in his own lifetime. Shoghi Effendi not only had no children, but he expelled from the Baha'i community every single one of Abdu'l-Baha's own descendants, making it impossible for him to keep his grandfather's commandments. He also died in 1957 without leaving a Will and Testament of his own as required by Baha'i law, throwing the Faith into a crisis.

C. Failed prophecy cover up

An early edition of Bahaullah and the New Era by J. E. Esslemont stated a prophecy by Abdu'l-Baha that by 1957 "Universal Peace will be firmly established, a Universal language promoted. Misunderstandings will pass away. The Bahá'í Cause will be promulgated in all parts and the oneness of mankind established." But what really happened that year was Shoghi Effendi's death. The prophecy was deleted from later editions of the book.

D. Attack on Kalimat Press

In 2005 and 2006, the National Spiritual Assemblies of the Baha'is of the United States and the United Kingdom issued orders to Baha'i communities under their command to stop selling books published by Kalimat Press, a small Baha'i owned book publishing company, for publishing a few books that they happened to disapprove of. As a result, the company was crippled in its operations.

E. Dr. Hussein Danesh, sex offender

A member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Canada, Danesh was stripped of his psychiatric license in the 1990s after being accused by several of his patients of sexual abuse. Instead of being expelled from the Baha'i community, he was sent to the Baha'i Landegg "university" in Switzerland, a private school which failed in 2005. Returning to Canada, he was hired by the NSA of Canada as a marriage and family therapist for fellow Baha'is.

F. Italian Baha'i financial scandal

Franco Ceccherini, a longtime member of the Italian National Spiritual Assembly, was found in 2007 to have stolen over 360,000 euros over 14 years while serving as the Assembly's treasurer. This was discovered only when the Italian government audited the Baha'i community and then charged it 275,000 euros in back taxes, crippling financially the entire Italian Bahai community.

G. Stephen Birkland, Baha'i secret police detective

In the 1990s, as a member of the Continental Board of Counselors for North America, Birkland led an investigation of Baha'is running an internet forum known as "Talisman" where members could openly question and debate issues regarding the management of the Baha'i communities. Birkland's abusive tactics drove several Baha'is, including Juan Cole and John & Linda Walbridge, to resign rather than be condemned as covenant-breakers for taking part in Talisman, which was then shut down. Birkland was later rewarded for his zeal by being appointed to the International Teaching Center in 2008 and then he was elected to the Universal House of Justice in 2010.

So at the end of 2004, realizing that I had to remove myself from that community outright as a matter of honor, I wrote the following to the National Spiritual Assembly (NSA) of the Baha'is of the United States:

After years of investigation and soul-searching, I have finally come to the sad understanding that I can no longer bring myself to believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established in His name, including the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am totally convinced that the Baha'i Faith is doomed to fail in its mission to bring peace, unity, and a Golden Age to humanity and I therefore resign from my past membership in the Faith. Goodbye.

Regretfully,

Dale Husband

I composed that letter on my computer and then mailed it in January of 2005. A few weeks later, the NSA replied that they had accepted my resignation and expressed hope that I would one day decide to return. That looked like denial to me, so I dismissed it and threw away the letter. Then I cut completely all personal ties to the Baha'is in the Fort Worth area. Despite this, I stayed silent about my defection from the Baha'i Faith until October 19, 2007, when I posted my first blog entry attacking it. Encouraged by the feedback I got as a result, I stepped up my efforts until I found myself in battle over the years with various members of my former religion, all of whom only showed me why I had no business being among them anymore!

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2007/10/19/why-i-quit-the-bahai-faith

That section is a much more accurate translation of my writings.

Hierarchy of the Bahai Central Figures According to the Writings

Bahaullah

Abdul-Baha

Muhammad Ali

Universal House of Justice

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What It Really is in Practice?

Bahaullah

ABDUL-BAHA

Shoghi Effendi

Universal House of Justice

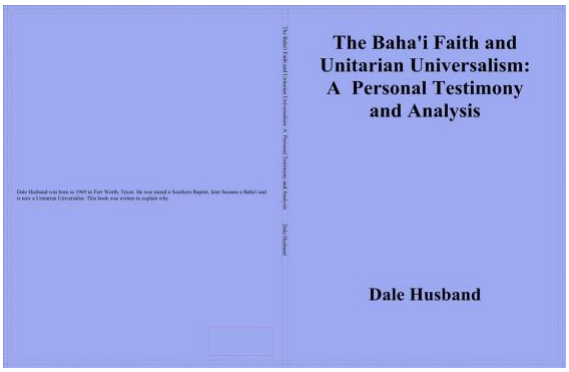
By Dale Husband (UB)

That is based on a chart I made years ago as part of a series of Sunday school lessons I made for my UU church.

Dale Husband's published works:

The Baha'i Faith and Unitarian Universalism: A Personal Testimony and Analysis

The book was published online in 2017, in 73 pages



That book is described here: **I have published a BOOK**

• Some of Dale Husband's articles

Mr. Husband has written many articles on various social, political, educational, moral, religious, etc. topics. In the present article, only some of his articles in the field of Baha'ism are given as follow:

Independent Investigation of Truth – A Baha'i case of HYPOCRISY! Feb3, 2010

Five Ways to Create a Religion of Hypocrites August 8, 2018

A Critical Analysis of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha Mar26, 2018

Why I Abandoned the (Haifan) Baha'i Faith? Jan 22, 2017

The Baha'i Faith, Mormonism, and Reddit January 28, 2018

My battle with a Haifan Baha'i on YouTube June 25, 2017

Why we need a Unitarian Baha'i Faith April 5, 2010

My Battle on Amazon with a Haifan Baha'I http://www.amazon.com/Lost-History-Bahai-Faith April 10, 2016

Bahai government would be totally tyrannical May 16, 2009

Damage Control by Shoghi Effendi Sept 23, 2019

The – bogus- issue- of- infallibility-in-the-bahai-faith 07/06/2018

The Absurdity of the "Orthodox Baha'i" Claims August 12, 2019

A Critical Analysis of the Kitáb-i-'Ahd (Book of the Covenant) July 27, 2019

The Baha'i Leadership is obsessed with Martyrdom! Apr11, 2019

A Critical Analysis of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas

Universal house of international

Bahai-scandals 8 2015/10/

Equality of Sexes not in Bahai Faith

http://bahaism.blogspot.com/2015/07/equality-of-sexes-not-in-bahai-faith.html

Religious Fundamentalism Is Blasphemy

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2007/07/23/religious-fundamentalism-is-blasphemy

The Fatal Flaw In Bahai Authority

https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority

For some reason, a pic of Shoghi Effendi was included in the text. No need for that here, since it wasn't on the original blog entry slamming him.

Introducing and examining the critical views of Dale Husband

Dale posted his first critical remarks on his Facebook page on October 19, 2007, and became a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

He evaluated the principles and teachings of this association more consciously and appropriately than the Bahai Teachings. In "Why I Abandoned the Baha'i Faith?" He discussed the principles and teachings of this association as follows:

I have joined the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and found its principles to be far more enlightened than those of the Haifan Baha'is. And better still, they truly LIVE those principles too!

- 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

I actually rejoined the Unitarian Universalist Association in 2005, a few months after leaving the Baha'i community. My original version of my first blog entry condemning the Baha'i Faith was titled "I am an Ex-Baha'i" and was published in the summer of 2007 in Care2, **a web community that no longer exists**. It was almost identical to the October 19, 2007 version posted in this blog.

Warning about the Baha'ism

I have several reasons that the international Baha'i community will become a dangerous religious group and sect if the Baha'i policies adopted by the International House of Justice do not change. The Baha'is are not dangerous at the moment because their members are few.

Founded in the 19th century, the Bahai Faith is quite like a confection, in which the outer shell is of Western liberal thought and teachings, but in the political and social spheres are linked to the nineteenth-century Babi teachings and ideas of the Middle Eastern.

Despite the rejection of most of the Bahai Teachings, I subsequently supported the efforts of my friend Eric Stetson in founding the Unitarian Baha'i Group (UB), who aims to integrate fundamentally Westernized Bahai Ideas and teachings with the ideas of UUs. This could be the only way to save the Bahai Faith from continuing destruction, degeneration, and turning into a destructive sect. If the Unitarian Baha'is do not succeed, the Baha'ism will have no destiny but extinction!

Dale Husband also has many criticisms on Baha'i orders, teachings, and organizations, explaining all of them are beyond the scope of this article. We will only review some of these perspectives.

1- Protesting against the view that the Baha'i leaders are infallible

Most Baha'is consider their leaders to be free from error and misguidance, and expect their undisputed obedience. In the view of this group of Baha'is, the House of Justice (the Baha'i leadership in Haifa) and the Baha'i organization are infallible, and no Baha'i is allowed to show the slightest opposition to the Baha'i leaders. Of course, some Baha'i intellectuals have not accepted this view and have protested against it. (For information on the reasons of the Bahais' opposition to this teaching, please refer to the articles published in previous issues of Bahai Shenasi, ***Baha'ism from the perspective of Baha'i critics and intellectuals*** in Nos. 5 and 6, pp. 116 and 124, respectively).

Dale Husband in his articles has described that the idea that Baha'i leaders are infallibles, is a false and dangerous idea.

"The Baha'i leadership has been claiming from the beginning that they are infallible and free from error because they have divine guidance! While we know that Bahaullah, his son Abdu'l-Bah., the grandson of Abdu'l-Baha, Shoghi Effendi, and all the members of the House of Justice, are all ordinary people. What reason do we have that they are immune from error? Nothing!

If you can't ask questions about a leader's intentions and decisions, what's left for you? Oppression and tyranny. And what is the result of this oppression and tyranny? History testifies that the result of oppression and tyranny is corruption and injustice. Oppression and tyranny, in turn, will lead to the collapse of the system over time. In fact, the idea that every human being, every human-run institution, or every human product, is immune to error is false and meaningless. "This is the most dangerous idea in the world."

In this regard, another important issue should be mentioned, and that is that if the Baha'is are to carry out the orders of their leaders without any reason, why did Abdu'l-Baha did not follow his father's order to succeed Muhammad Ali Effendi (after Abdu'l-Bah) as mentioned in the Book of Covenant? Isn't he disobedient?! Or why did Shoghi Effendi, the third Baha'i leader, disobey Baha'u'llah's order in the Aqdas to write a will? And caused problems for the Baha'i community with regards to the issue of succession? Or why the House of Justice, after its establishment, did not pay attention to Shoghi Effendi's order about the necessity of existence of the institution of the Guardian of the Cause?

Dale has directly pointed to this case in his article,**The Fatal Flaw in Baha'i Authority**:

The basic problem of authority in the Baha'i Faith, with its false claim that those authorities are infallible, really becomes obvious when you consider the issue of the Guardianship, which Shoghi Effendi held from 1921 until his death in 1957. He was appointed to that position by his grandfather, Abdu'l-Baha.

O ye the faithful loved ones of Abdu'l-Baha! it is incumbent upon you to take the greatest care of Shoghi Effendi… For he is, after Abdu'l-Baha, the Guardian of the Cause of God… He that obeyeth him not, hath not obeyed God; he that turneth away from him, hath turned away from God and he that denieth him, hath denied the True One… All must seek guidance and turn unto the Center of the Cause and the House of Justice. And he that turneth unto whatsoever else is indeed in grievous error. (Abdu'l-Baha: Will and Testament, pages 25-26)

Later, Shoghi Effendi himself wrote:

Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Baha'u'llah would be mutilated and permanently deprived of that hereditary principle which, as Abdu'l-Baha has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God. …Without such an institution the integrity of the Faith would be imperiled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. its prestige would suffer, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to define the sphere of the legislative action of its elected representatives would be totally withdrawn. (Shoghi Effendi: World Order of Bahaullah, page 148)

It stands to reason that if Shoghi Effendi must be obeyed absolutely as the representative of God's will, then he himself must obey the Baha'i commandments that came before him. If he was disobedient to Baha'i laws, then no one should obey him.

Baha'ullah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, stated in his book of laws, the Kitab-i-Aqdas, paragraph 109, "Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will."

Likewise, Abdul-Baha, son of Baha'u'llah, in the very Will and Testament by which appointed Shoghi Effendi to the Guardianship, stated:

"It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:—"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him."

(Abdul-Baha. Will and Testament, p. 12.)

Shoghi Effendi did none of these things. He had no children, and in fact he expelled from the Faith as "Covenant-breakers" every other descendant of his own grandfather, thus betraying the Faith. When he died in 1957, he left no will and had appointed no successor, thus failing to obey the very Covenant he was expected to uphold.

With no further guidance from the Guardian, the Hands of the Cause of God that he had appointed to assist him did the only thing they could to keep the Baha'i Faith alive: They took over the Faith and arranged for the eventual election of the Universal House of Justice in 1963. But without a Guardian to preside over that body, it would never be in accordance with the very writings that established its authority. And the only ones who could be Guardian were the male descendants of Baha'ullah, all of whom were excluded from the Faith by the first Guardian!

Indeed, the simple fact that Shoghi Effendi disobeyed both Bahaullah and Abdul-Baha by not leaving a will, by expelling all his own relatives from the Faith, and not appointing in his lifetime one of his brothers or male cousins as his successor to the Guardianship should be enough to demonstrate that there is NO "true" Baha'i Faith existing today. Its authority is meaningless by the testimony of its own history!

https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority

2- The Investigation of truth in the Baha'ism is a great lie and deception

One of the main causes of conflicts in today's world is that many people blindly and uncritically follow the opinions and beliefs of groups. God has given every human being a clear intellect and power to distinct between right and wrong. Now, if human beings do not use their intellectual capacity and, without research and study, choose a belief solely on the basis of fear of someone or love and affection for someone, this means that they have neglected their fundamental moral responsibilities.

Usually, when people do this, they become so attached to their beliefs that they can no longer tolerate nonviolent opinions and beliefs." This kind of prejudice can lead to conflict. History has always witnessed conflicts, even bloodsheds, over minor differences in religious customs and traditions, or the interpretation of slightly different attitudes, from a single belief and creed. Research and personal examination to find out the truth enables one to understand why he/she advocates a particular ideology or belief.

One of the teachings of the Baha'ism is "Investigation of truth". They present themselves as superior to other divine and non-divine schools, while if one wants to search for truth, one must not be prejudiced against one's religious beliefs in the first place, and see the possibility that others may also may have a share from the truth.

Dale in his detailed article entitled: *Independent Investigation of Truth, A Baha'i case of HYPOCRISY!*has scrutinized this issue and criticizes the Baha'is for not presenting the correct method of the Investigation the truth, and writes:

If five people meet together to seek for truth, they must begin by cutting themselves free from all their own special conditions and renouncing all preconceived ideas. In order to find truth we must give up our prejudices, our own small trivial notions; an open receptive mind is essential. If our chalice is full of self, there is no room in it for the water of life. The fact that we imagine ourselves to be right and everybody else wrong is the greatest of all obstacles in the path towards unity, and unity is necessary if we would reach truth, for truth is one.

Therefore it is imperative that we should renounce our own particular prejudices and superstitions if we earnestly desire to seek the truth. Unless we make a distinction in our minds between dogma, superstition and prejudice on the one hand, and truth on the other, we cannot succeed. When we are in earnest in our search for anything we look for it everywhere. This principle we must carry out in our search for truth.

Science must be accepted. No one truth can contradict another truth. Light is good in whatsoever lamp it is burning! A rose is beautiful in whatsoever garden it may bloom! A star has

the same radiance if it shines from the East or from the West. Be free from prejudice, so will you love the Sun of Truth from whatsoever point in the horizon it may arise! You will realize that if the Divine light of truth shone in Jesus Christ it also shone in Moses and in Buddha. The earnest seeker will arrive at this truth. This is what is meant by the 'Search after Truth'.

It means, also, that we must be willing to clear away all that we have previously learned, all that would clog our steps on the way to truth; we must not shrink if necessary from beginning our education all over again. We must not allow our love for any one religion or any one personality to so blind our eyes that we become fettered by superstition! When we are freed from all these bonds, seeking with liberated minds, then shall we be able to arrive at our goal.

'Seek the truth, the truth shall make you free.' So shall we see the truth in all religions, for truth is in all and truth is one! **(Abdu'l-Bahá: Paris Talks, Pages: 135-137)**

You will find similar statements at other websites made to teach the Baha'i Faith! Indeed, you may get the impression that "independent investigation of truth" is not only a basic Baha'i teaching, but that Baha'is are the only ones that emphasize this idea. That, to put it bluntly, is hogwash. It really isn't practiced with any consistency, it's not exclusive to the Baha'i Faith, and truly investigating truth does not necessarily lead to conversion to that Faith.

Here's a more critical perspective: For a more in-depth study of the critical view of the investigationof truth, see the address below, which is a critical Christian site on the Baha'i Faith, and which contains many references to the non-observance of the investigation of the truth in the Bahai Faith.

http://bahaicatholic.wordpress.com/2008/08/27/independent-investigation-of-truth/

https://dalehusband.com/2010/02/03/independent-investigation-of-truth-a-bahai-case-of-hypocrisy/[I believe that many Baha'is don't investigate the claims of Christianity fairly because they uncritically accept what the Central Figures and Shoghi Effendi said about it. Shoghi Effendi said that Christ was born of a Virgin, so Baha'is believe it. If he had said he wasn't, then they wouldn't. Abdu'l-Baha said that Christ was speaking figuratively when he called himself the bread of heaven, so Baha'is believe him. And then Baha'is tell us Christians that we should investigate the truth for ourselves instead of blindly accepting what our "religious institutions" tell us. Sounds like the pot calling the kettle black. How do you know that a book of Baha'i history is accurate? Because it was published by a Baha'i Publishing Trust? That's not independent investigation of truth.

How do you know that when a Baha'i author says Bahaullah fulfilled a particular prophecy from some religion, that he is both quoting the prophecy accurately and reporting the event in Baha'u'llah's life accurately? Because the author is a respected Baha'i? That's not independent investigation of truth.

When I was a Baha'i, one of my favorite books was Portals to Freedom. My perception of Abdu'l-Baha was therefore partly dependent upon Howard Colby Ives. In other words, it wasn't independent. This example can be multiplied a hundredfold – for Taherzadeh, for Ruhe, for Esslemont, etc.]

I once knew a Baha'i family in which the teenage daughter raised within it never took part in any Baha'i activities. So I was impressed that she felt free to reject her parents' faith without losing her parents' love. At the same time, however, I wondered why she would not want to follow a faith as wonderful as that of her parents. After I de-converted from the Faith in 2004, I finally figured out that the girl must have done that "independent investigation of truth" but it had led her away from that Faith, as it would me eventually. This is evidence enough that the Baha'i teachings are flawed and contradictory. Ironically, children raised in the Faith who DO accept it are not necessarily doing so after investigating other options and rejecting most of them, since in all the years I was Baha'i, I saw no examples of Baha'i children being encouraged to visit other religions' houses of worship, though they certainly were not forbidden to do so either (though I found it interesting that they had services every Sunday, as if they were competing directly with Christian churches. Baha'i teachings do NOT require any Sunday services.) But at the Unitarian Universalist church I attend now, the youth there ARE taken to other churches as part of their Sunday School lessons.

But it is even worse, since faithful Baha'is are absolutely required to shun "Covenant-breakers", those who claim to be Baha'i but reject the current Baha'i leadership. Any Baha'i who associates with such people, who are said to have a deadly spiritual disease, is also subject to being declared a Covenant-breaker. How can the principle of independent investigation of truth be upheld in this case? One thing that is not widely known about the Faith is that most of the relatives and descendants of Baha'u'llah were declared Covenant-breakers simply for not blindly following the absolute authority of Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi! The family of Baha'u'llah was torn apart by the claims of the leadership of the Faith to be infallible. Since these must have been the people who knew those leaders best, one would have expected them to be the most loyal members of the Faith…unless they KNEW how flawed those leaders' actual characters were!

For children raised in the Baha'i Faith, the issue of independent investigation of truth does not really apply to them, since they are assumed to have the truth already. Rather, that principle is taught to "seekers" (non-Baha'is who are learning about the Faith) to entice them to read more Baha'i propaganda and be

seduced by it. Such duplicity must be exposed and debunked, hence my writing this.

The editing here seems a bit sloppy, but it still gets my point across.

3- Dale Husband's opinion about the succession of Abdul-Baha according to the book "A Lost History of the Bahai Faith"

Eric Stetson, a Baha'i intellectual and critic, cites important documents in Baha'i history that show that Baha'i leaders and writers have hidden important parts of their history, the events after the demise of Abdul-Baha and his succession, from the ordinary Baha'is. (For more information on Stetson's views, please refer to the article "**Eric Stetson: Bahaism from the Perspective of Critics and Enlightenment Thoughts**" in **Bahai Shenasi** Journal No. 9, spring 2019)

In a dialogue with a Haifa Baha'i in Amazon on the history of the Bahaism on June 22, 2015, Husband writes:

As a former Baha'i, I was very excited to learn about the writing of this book, having been friends with the editor Eric Stetson for years. I knew nothing about the descendants of Baha'u'llah who were excommunicated from the religious community founded by their own ancestor except for the hateful, bigoted claims written about them by the propaganda writers who work for the mainstream Baha'i cult based in Haifa, Israel. At last, this book tells the other side of the story, about how those descendants were falsely labeled "covenant-breakers" when in fact they were the ones who insisted that ALL the provisions of Baha'u'llah's Will and Testament (called the Book of the Covenant) be upheld. That Will made Baha'u'llah's eldest son Abdu'l-Baha leader of the Faith, but also stated that the younger half-brother Muhammad Ali (father of the book's author) would be Abdu'l-Baha's successor, not Shoghi Effendi as Abdu'l-Baha would proclaim in his own Will and Testament a generation later. By doing this, Abdu'l-Baha exalted himself above his father. So who actually broke the Baha'i Covenant? If Baha'is really believe in the independent investigation of truth, they will look at this book for themselves.

This infuriated Haifan Baha'i named Rob Jenkins, who then made a comment on my review, resulting in a lengthy debate between us. His comments will be in *red and italics* while mine will be in **black and bold**.

You can see the recording of the debate here:

https://dalehusband.com/2016/04/10/my-battle-on-amazon-with-a-haifan-bahai/

Why **black and bold**? Maybe because they didn't have much green ink.

If you ever actually read Baha'u'llah's Will and Testament (The Book of the Covenant), then you would know that his commandments regarding Mirza Muhammad Ali were absolute, NOT provisional. So the depiction of Mirza Muhammad Ali as a covenant breaker by the propaganda writers of the mainstream Baha'i Faith actually discredits Baha'u'llah himself!

I've not only read the Kitab-i-`Ahd, I've read it many times, I've also read the Will and Testament of `Abdu'l-Baha several times.

Mirza Muhammad-Ali repeatedly violated Baha'u'llah's Covenant by rebelling ... There are numerous scholars — Baha'i and non-Baha'i — who have extensively researched this period in Baha'i history. One need only read their works to understand how shallow and corrupt Mirza Muhammnad-Ali and his brother, Badi'u'llah, were, and how motivated they were by a thirst for power within the Baha'i community and for money — especially money.

Mirza Muhammad-Ali's right to succeed `Abdu'l-Baha as leader of the Baha'i Faith was made provisional by Baha'u'llah .... The descendants of Mirza Muhammad-Ali today have tried to characterize the station of Baha'u'llah as that of a mere Muslim holy man; anyone who has read the writings of Baha'u'llah knows that He claimed to be nothing less than God's latest Manifestation,...

Assertions prove nothing....Unfounded assumption. If Baha'u'llah had included a warning to Mirza Muhammad Ali to submit himself totally to Abdu'l-Baha or else he would be deprived of the right to succeed his brother, you would be correct. He didn't, so you just lied.

"*There were at least two Letters of the Living who rebelled against Baha'u'llah, though they were lauded by the Bab for their spiritual attainments;"*

Who were they?

"*There are numerous scholars — Baha'i and non-Baha'i — who have thoroughly researched this period in Baha'i history."*

Who were some of the non-Baha'i ones?

"The descendants of Mirza Muhammad-Ali today have tried to characterize the station of Baha'u'llah as that of a mere Muslim holy man;"

Do you have statements directly from them claiming this? You can write an entire novel of baseless claims and rhetoric defending your corrupt and failed religion, but without empirical evidence of any kind, you give us NOTHING of substance. You hypocrites really need to grow up or you will be laughed at forever!

Baseless claims, eh? All the documentation in the world won't convince someone emotionally wedded to his/her own embittered position and won't let go…

Were you there when the battles between Abdul-Baha and Mirza Muhammad Ali broke out? Consider that at the end of his life, Bahaullah was living at a mansion named Bahji, which was inherited by Muhammad Ali, not Abdul-Baha. Consider also that Mirza Aqa Jan, who was Bahaullah's personal secretary for four decades, rejected Abdul-Baha's authority. Why would either of those things happen?

The truth is, Bahaullah made clear in the Kitab-i-Aqdas that no one after him would claim revelation directly from God for up to 1000 years. Not even Abdul-Baha. There is a difference between making someone the leader of the Bahai community, which no one disputes, and declaring that Abdul-Baha would have the same infallibility as Bahaullah himself, which would only be possible if he received revelations directly from God. If you state that Mirza Muhammad Ali is not above Bahaullah's commandments, why should Abdul-Baha be?

Even more disturbing, Abdul-Baha made this statement in his own Will and Testament:

"The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both). Whatsoever they decide is of God. Whoso obeys him not, neither obeyed them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelled against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposed him hath opposed God; whoso contended with them hath contended with God; whoso disputed with him hath disputed with God; whoso denied him hath denied God; whoso disbelieved in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviated, separated himself and turned aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God. May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rest upon him?!"

So not only was Abdu'l-Baha claiming revelation directly from God, he was also claiming that Shoghi Effendi and the members of the Universal House of Justice would also receive such revelations! Otherwise, how could their absolute God-given authority be justified? It CAN'T!

Consider also that Shoghi Effendi died without issue at the relatively young age of 60, in the midst of the Ten Year World Crusade he was leading, of Asiatic flu while on a visit to London. This falsifies the claim in Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament that "The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One." Simple logic is enough to discredit the Baha'i Faith as you proclaim it.

And that is why I call you a hypocrite, Mr. Jenkins. You condemn Mirza Muhammad Ali for denying Abdul-Baha's leadership, when the descendants of Bahaullah say no such thing ever happened. The actual dispute was over Abdul-Baha rebelling against one of the most fundamental teachings of Bahaullah himself to claim absolute authority that was beyond the limits set in the Kitab-i-Aqdas! Unless you are prepared to claim that Abdul-Baha somehow outranked his own father, your assertions about Mirza Muhammad Ali are clearly libelous. They are the product of decades of thought control and censorship by the Baha'i leadership, not any objective history.

I have every right to be embittered about discovering what I believed in the past was a pack of lies. Saying otherwise is like saying a man has no right to feel hungry when he is deprived of food for several days.

I then made a comment that Amazon admin saw fit to delete…..but I saved it elsewhere:

"In any court of law, when the majority of witnesses give accounts that support one side in a conflict, the court finds in favor of the side supported by the majority."

False statement. Eyewitnesses can be mistaken and witnesses can even lie under oath, but empirical evidence can discredit even the words of 100 false claims by liars. For example, DNA testing has exonerated those accused and convicted of rape and/or murder who were condemned on the testimony of supposed victims or their relatives.

"if you read the accounts about Mirza Aqa Jan, it's quite clear that he had lost his mind."

And why would that happen? Accounts written by whom?

"Abdu'l-Baha never claimed to be a conduit of divine revelation, nor did He claim to share in the Most Great Infallibility; He always stated that He was merely a servant of Baha'u'llah; what infallibility He had — relative infallibility — was conferred on Him by Baha'u'llah."

This is sheer nonsense; infallibility is an absolute ideal which you either have or have not, for it cannot exist in degrees. Just by engaging me with such rhetorical trickery, you discredit yourself. Next….

He was not finished with me, however:

The statement is true by force of logic. Some eyewitnesses may be mistaken; but…

The sheer hypocrisy constantly displayed by Rob Jenkins from start to finish proves one thing that my own life has also demonstrated: No amount of logic or empirically based truth will make someone give up a viewpoint that is somehow a comfort to him and rhetoric alone is enough to make someone cling to whatever he WANTS to believe, period. In my case, I always had some doubts about the faith, but I had to isolate myself from the other Bahais in the Fort Worth area about the summer of 2004 in order to begin analyzing the issues and facts apart from their influence. Once I did, within a few months the whole case for the Bahai Faith's credibility came apart and crashed like the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center did. I was set free at last to be my true self: the Honorable Skeptic!

I think the most fundamental difference between Rob Jenkins and myself is not even about the Bahai Faith, it is about what we use as the standard for judging what truth is which would be a problem no matter what religion he professes.

Continuing….

4- Is Bahaullah's Covenant a hope for the revival of human society?

Baha'i texts use the term Bahai Covenant extensively. Baha'is have removed Baha'i critics, protesters, and protesters from the scene under the "Baha'i Covenant", and banned Baha'is from associating with them.

In various terms, they portray critics as weeds that prevent flowers from growing in a garden, and therefore, must be cut down and destroyed by gardeners! Just as the blossoming of the flowers of a garden depends on the separation of thorns and thistles; the growth and flourishing of a religion is not possible unless the protesters and the disbelievers are cut off. Baha'is consider their opponents to be very small compared to the Baha'i population in the world, and their limited population is a reason for the Haifan Bahai legitimacy!

Dale in his "Battle on Amazon with a Haifan Baha'I (Rob Jenkins)" in responses the above claim as below:

You stated earlier that there are six million Baha'is in the world. (This is not true. The real Bahai population worldwide is less than 1 million –Farnagh) that is less than 1/1000th of the world population in 150 years! Even the Mormons, a splinter group of Christianity, have been far more successful in propagating their religion in the same time period….and BTW, I despise Mormonism and have fought with Mormons online too. Their arrogant rhetoric is similar to yours and is expressed for the same reason: they endorse dogma over reason. That is why I call the Baha'i Faith a failure, because it produces people like you. There are many examples of people whose lives have been improved by religions other than the Baha'i Faith as well as by giving up dogmatic religions and seeking truth objectively. To claim that the Baha'i Covenant alone can save humanity is to be shamefully ignorant of the totality of human experiences. And just as the "covenant breakers" are small groups compared to the world-wide Bahai Faith, so likewise the Baha'i Faith itself is almost nothing compared to the vast numbers of Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and non-religious people in the world. When the Pope or the Dalai Lama makes a public statement, the whole world pays attention to it because many who are not followers of Roman Catholicism or Tibetan Buddhism respect those leaders…. while almost no one outside the Bahai community ever takes notice of any statements by the Universal House of Justice. So it stands to reason that even now, Roman Catholics and Buddhists can do far more for the world than your Bahai Faith ever has.

I wish to comment directly on this:

(This is not true. The real Bahai population worldwide is less than 1 million –Farnagh)

This year, the United States government is conducting a census of all three hundred million of its people, something required of it every ten years. You'd think the Universal House of Justice, to demonstrate the success of the Baha'i Faith, would be conducting its own census every few years of all the Baha'is in the world with the cooperation of all the

5. Dale Husband's view of Shoghi Effendi's Misconduct in the Leadership of the Baha'i Community

Dale is not optimistic about Shoghi Effendi and his policies. Especially on the issue of appointing a successor after him, and not implementing the instructions of Abdul-Baha. He writes:

Imagine a man who has brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, and a wife. Over the years, he disowns one by one ALL of his other relatives for disagreements with him over almost anything, until only his wife is left; and she never dares to disagree with him and is completely obedient to him. Then he dies and leaves his wife his entire estate! What would you think of a man like that?

I was indeed talking about a real person that is well known in the Bahai history as a religious leader. If anyone else had done to his own relatives what he did, would he be respected by anyone? I certainly do not!

Shoghí Effendí Rabbání (March 1, 1897 – November 4, 1957), better known as Shoghi Effendi, was the Guardian and head of the Bahá'í Faith from 1921 until his death in 1957.

Shoghi Effendi was referred to as the Guardian, and had the authority to interpret the writings of the central figures of the religion and define the sphere of legislative authority. His writings are effectively limited to commentaries on the works of the central figures, and broad directives for the future.

Future hereditary Guardians were permitted in the Bahá'í scripture by appointment from one to the next with the prerequisite that appointees be male descendants of Bahá'u'lláh. At the time of Shoghi Effendi's death, all living male descendants of Baháulláh had been declared Covenant-breakers by either Abdul-Bahá or Shoghi Effendi, leaving no suitable living candidates!

Shoghi Effendi died without appointing a successor Guardian, and the Universal House of Justice, the only institution authorized to adjudicate on situations not covered in scripture, later announced that it could not legislate to make possible the appointment of a successor to Shoghi Effendi. Shoghi Effendi was the first and last Guardian of the Bahai Faith.

In my view such a man is not a normal one, and suffers from psychoneurosis. His wife should have had a very simple personality either, who could not have any positive influence on him.

Source: Facebook page of Dale Husband, DD Sept 22, 2017

Dale Husband has added:

Then what would, I wonder? I note that you ignored all the other aspects of his sudden death. The Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha clearly states "after [Shoghi Effendi] will succeed the first-born of his lineal descendents." It then goes on to say, "should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:-"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him." And yet Shoghi Effendi expelled ALL his own relatives from the Baha'i community, making it impossible for him to obey his grandfather's commandments. That is like cutting off the tree branch you are sitting on and falling to your death. If anyone else had done to his relatives what Shoghi Effendi did, he would be considered a sociopath. He even attacked one of his own brothers in a shameful message to the Bahais of the world for marrying a "low-born Christian girl in Europe." You do know there is no prohibition against Bahais marrying non-Bahais, right? Such an insult to his own sister-in-law is revolting, to say the least. But that is exactly what happens when you give someone the exact same authority as God Himself; no matter what he does, he is "right" in the eyes of the believer, regardless of how disgusting it would be for anyone else to do such things. Objective truth and objective ethical standards are lacking in Baha'is.

There is nothing genuine left about the Baha'i Faith headquartered in Haifa, Israel, and your responses to me (including ad hominem attacks against me, Eric Stetson, and others who dare to contradict official Baha'i dogmas) have only shown me and others all the more why I was right to leave that faith. Goodbye, Mr. Jenkins.

Source: My Battle on Amazon with a Haifan Baha'I /http://www.amazon.com/Lost-History-Bahai- Faith
Posted on April 10, 2016

6- Contradiction & Conflict in the Bahai Teachings

The Baha'ism faces a variety of conflicts. If Baha'ism is to be a divine faith, there must be no contradiction. In the article "Five Ways to Create a False and Hypocritical Rite", Dale discusses these contradictions in detail and briefly explains some of them:

a. State that religion no longer needs clergy… and replace them with leaders that are as authoritarian as the clergy ever was.

b. Claim that men and women should be equal……but then deny women membership in the all-powerful leadership council of the religion.

c. Condemn as heretics those who believe in your religion but dare to challenge the claims of your religion's current leadership, while at the same time claiming to welcome as friends the followers of other religions.

d. Claim there is harmony between science and religion, but also claim that anything your leaders say is absolutely true, even if on topics science is expected to address.

e. Claim to shun partisan politics, but favor a government of their own, which is as partisan as it gets.

Then there are the scandals I discovered which really disturbed me, even after I had left the Faith.

Each of the above alone is enough to make a religion worthless; not to mention that Bahai Faith has all five of the above conflicts and contradictions, and more, at the same time.

https://dalehusband.com/2018/08/08/five-ways-to-create-a-religion-of-hypocrites/

6. Dale Husband's view on the future of the Baha'ism

Baha'ism, like all the extremist cults, is ultimately doomed to failure. I foresee something around 50 years for the collapse of it. It seems that Bahaullah has failed in his mission. The children and the closest people to Bahaullah could not carry out his commandments and orders. How can one expect others to follow the rules and regulations of Bahaullah and the Abdul-Baha?

In his will, Abdul-Baha introduces his brother Muhammad Ali as the center of transgression, the center of division, deviating from the Bahai Cause, and distorting the writings and verses of Bahaullah.
Shoghi Effendi once mentioned the family and relatives of Abdul-Baha as enemies and wrote about them:

"… The brother of the Abdu'l-Baha, Mirza Ziyaullah, also died young! Mirza Agha Jan (Mirza Agha Jan Kashi, close friend and private secretary of Baha'u'llah for more than 40 years) was naive and soon joined Ziyaullah in Hell! Mirza Badiullah (another brother of the Abdu'l-Baha), his main accomplice who betrayed the order of Abdu'l-Baha and joined Muhammad Ali, was disgraced by his daughter's shameful behavior! Foroughieh, the daughter of the Abdu'l-Baha, was stabbed to death by her husband, Seyed Ali Afnan, before her sons could help her! Mohammad Ali himself died a bad death! …"

If we accept the words and expressions of Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi that many of Baha'ullah children and relatives were among the most ignorant people on earth, were corrupt and had evil intentions and goals, and did not smell of his teachings; Indeed, what a damn and ridiculous Faith Baha'ullah has presented?!

Baha'ullah writes in the Book of the Covenant:

"The kings are the manifestations of power and the signs of the honor and wealth of God. Pray for them. "Those people were taken care of and the heart was set for them." Bahaullah's interest and support for Sultans and kings may have been acceptable in the nineteenth century, when most of Europe and the world were ruled directly by kings, but in the twenty-first century, long after the fall of empires and the liberation of European colonies, sounds quite funny!

Bahaullah may have had good intentions, but I think he had delusions and misconceptions. But Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, were undoubtedly fraudulent individuals who intended to deceive their followers and the people. The vast majority of the members of the House of Justice, from its beginning till now, have been following the standard and policy of the Abdu'l-Baha.

About the position of Universal House of Justice

Baha'u'llah actually never wrote about a **UNIVERSAL** House of Justice that would rule the world or even the Bahai Int'l Community! That concept was invented by Abdu'l-Baha in his Will and Testament. The "House of Justice" called for in Baha'u'llah's writings was only a local body ruling the Baha'is in a city.

Large organizations have been built and paid for by Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, and modeled on the international organizations of their time, while fulfilling the conditions set by the Abdu'l-Baha and Effendi for the Universal House of Justice. The current House of Justice, based in Haifa, has been established without a guardian since its inception, and it has been the case till now. This has led to lack of credibility and legal legitimacy of UHJ, according to Abdul-Baha and Shoghi Effendi's explicit writings! Moreover, the method of selecting the members of the Universal House of Justice has no priority over the selection of Pope by and from among the members of the College of Cardinals, in Roman Catholic Church, where the cardinals themselves have been appointed by the former popes! In 2011, for an article, I chose the ironic and revealing headline "The International House of Teaching the Center for Justice", which refers to the illegitimate relationship between two important institutions and, in fact, the Baha'i order:The UHJ and ITC!

The House of Justice is the highest governing and decision-making body of the Baha'i community, and members of the International Teaching Center are appointed by them every five years. The bureaucratic nature of these two institutions is evident in the ironic name I have given them above!
When the House of Justice was first established in 1963, its members were the same former members of the **appointed International Council** and members of the most powerful Baha'i NSAs. Subsequently, the House of Justice established the International Teaching Center to replace the Hands of the Cause (Ayadian Amrullah) residing in the Holy Land.

Over the decades, more and more members of the House of Justice have been replaced by the members of International Teaching Center; so that currently all members of the House of Justice have already been the members of the International House of Justice. This process is known as the "closed loop" and the result is that a highly conservative system has resulted in, that is not interested in new ideas, innovations and creativity.

9. The Purpose of the Baha'i Aggressive Teaching

Regarding the Baha'i teaching and their motivations, separate articles are needed. But Dale Husband's view on advertising is different from the usual debates. He believes that Baha'i officials and organizations are pursuing two goals: The first is to entertain and keep believing Baha'is engaged, so that they do not have the opportunity to investigate the truth and think critically about the dimensions and aspects of the Baha'i Cause. The second goal is to find new people and prepare them to replace those Baha'is who have left the Baha'ism because of their distrust and disbelief. "The Bahai teaching is done for two purposes: To keep the faithful busy so they don't think critically about what they are believing, and to replace those members that are lost though apostasy. The notion of "entry by troops" is a myth!"

10 – A critical analysis of the Book Aqdas

Dale Husband in the third part of his book, **The Baha'i Faith and Unitarian Universalism: A Personal Testimony and Analysis** provides a critical analysis of Aqdas and discusses a few excerpts from this book. The material mentioned in that section of the book is detailed and too long for our article. We will have just a short look at it.

The book of Aqdas was compiled during the period when Baha'u'llah was exiled and under control in Acre and was finalized in 1873.Bahais consider it their Bible and containing the heavenly orders. At the same time, in my opinion, there are prejudice and dogmatism phrases in this book.

"The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition of Him Who is the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws, who represents the Godhead in both the Kingdom of His Cause and the world of creation. Whoso achieves this duty has attained unto all good; and whoso is deprived thereof has gone astray, though he be the author of every righteous deed."

When I was a Christian in my teens, my youth Sunday School teacher at the time insisted that only Christians would go to heaven for following Jesus, and followers of every other religion would go to hell. I now consider that dogma to be evil and this statement above sounds no better!

"They whom God hath endued with insight will readily recognize that the precepts laid down by God constitute the highest means for the maintenance of order in the world and the security of its peoples. He that turned away from them is accounted among the abject and foolish. We, verily, have commanded you to refuse the dictates of your evil passions and corrupt desires, and not to transgress the bounds which the Pen of the Most High hath fixed, for these are the breath of life unto all created things. The seas of Divine wisdom and Divine utterance have risen under the breath of the breeze of the All-Merciful. Hasten to drink your fill, O men of understanding! They that have violated the

Covenant of God by breaking His commandments, and have turned back on their heels, these have erred grievously in the sight of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High."

In other words, never think for yourself, only obey the commandments of God….or rather, the man claiming to be a Messenger of God. But shouldn't laws and principles really be based on real needs of real people in real time to be truly successful? Who needs gods or their messengers for any of those, then?

Say: From My laws the sweet-smelling savor of my garment can be smelled, and by their aid the standards of Victory will be planted upon the highest peaks. The Tongue of My power hath, from the heaven of my omnipotent glory, addressed to my creation these words: "Observe My commandments, for the love of my beauty." Happy is the lover that hath inhaled the divine fragrance of his Best-Beloved from these words, laden with the perfume of a grace which no tongue can describe. By My life! He who hath drunk the choice wine of fairness from the hands of my bountiful favor will circle around my commandments that shine above the Dayspring of My creation. Think not that we have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, we have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power. To this witness that which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed. Meditate upon this, O men of insight!

Ironically, Baha'is are prohibited from drinking any alcoholic beverages. So these references to wine seem like bad expressions to use. And again, ASSERTING SOMETHING ALONE PROVES NOTHING, no matter how many times you do it.

In verse 204 of the Aqdas, Bahaullah refers to the division of the deceased's inheritance among the heirs. In addition to the family members of the deceased, the deceased teacher is also entitled to the share of inheritance! This begs the question of why teachers are eligible to receive an inheritance share. Which teacher? Teacher of Elementary school? High school? University? Teachers of which courses? Then where should these teachers be found?!

In addition, in the share of inheritance determined for each group of heirs, equality between men and women has not been observed, and this ruling contradicts the principle of equality of men and women in the Baha'is.

In verse 205, the deceased's house, which is perhaps his most valuable asset, is given to the elder son of the family, indicating that the Bahai rulings are more masculine than feminine! In addition to the subject of inheritance, this can be seen elsewhere in the Aqdas, including the order to go to Hajj for men who are able, not women! (Verse 32). Determining the limit of hair for men and not for women (Verse 44)!

Verse 45 of Aqdas states of the thief's sentence: "God's command for a thief, exile, imprisonment, and the third, is that a mark be placed on his forehead, so that all people may know him in the various cities of God (throughout the world)." "Cities don't let that happen."

In this sentence, the conditions of the thief and how much he stole, and in what circumstances, what age, etc. No background has been identified. What will be the type of mark on the thief's forehead?! Will it be my page number? If he is not supposed to be in any city or land of God, so where should he live? In the city and the devil's country? If someone stole to stop his/her hunger, will be subject to the same punishment?!

Baha'u'llah, in verse 47 of his holy Book, considers infallibility to be exclusive to the manifestation of (his) command and does not discuss any less or other kind of infallibility. According to this verse from the book of Aqdas, Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, were not infallible.

Abdu'l-Baha tried to argue for himself, entitled "Granted Infallibility" by Bahaullah, that is beyond the scope of explanation and interpretation, and therefore not acceptable.

Anyone can make such a claim for himself. I also say that I am infallible and have relative infallibility from my father! These attributes must be material and objective in exchange for rejection and affirmation. If I claim that I am always right, because I say so, it is an expression of selfishness and fascination.

Verse 62 of Aqdas says, "If anyone deliberately sets fire to a house, set him on fire." In medieval Europe, the death penalty was imposed by burning a criminal in a fire. Therefore, Bahaullah revived this punishment in the 19th century, in a reactionary and back-looking movement! Why did they set the death penalty for setting the house on fire – also with the medieval punishment of burning alive in the fire? While today it is possible to compensate the damage by changing the house or buying insurance coverage. But you can't replace someone's life.

In verse 63, the holy book of Bahaullah allows having two wives at the same time. He himself had three wives at the same time! However, according to Abdu'l-Baha's interpretation of this clear verse in the Holy Book, Baha'is are allowed to have only one wife, and in the event of a violation, they will be entitled to punishment! This statement of Abdu'l-Baha Is in stark contrast to Bahaullah's words and cannot be interpreted as such.

In verse 74 of Aqdas, Bahaullah says, "God has taken away the order of impurity from everything ...followers of other religions are pure .... Baha'is are encouraged to make friends with followers of other religions, they are strongly encouraged to do so.

Yet they have been asked to avoid critical Baha'is and so-called violators of the Covenant! That's the word! It is as if they are asking the Baha'is to shake hands with strangers, but to knock on the door firmly in the form of their children or their fathers and mothers – who are at odds with each other! Damn this stupidity!

Bahaullah writes in verse 101 of his holy Book: "O group of scholars, is there anyone among you who could compete me in the field of revelation and mysticism, or in the field of theology and explanation? No .....!"

Bahaullah claims that his contributions are higher than all previous religious sciences and knowledge, and the scientific findings of human thought and wisdom, and the astonishing scientific and astronomical discoveries of human societies! In this paragraph, we look at the basis and monopoly of religious fundamentalism and arrogance and melancholy thinking.

(Bahaullah spent the last 40 years of his life in the Ottoman Empire territory and never dared to openly express his Babi and Bahai beliefs to the scholars, officials, and even ordinary people, and always pretended to be a Muslim. He even wrote some Sufi writings (the secret thoughts of the Sufis, which has an anti-religious and anti-Shari'a appearance). He had thrown them into the Tigris since had not had the courage to preserve and defend them! Most interestingly, the Aqdas, while 150 years has passed since its writing, has never been officially and fully translated and published into Persian and English – the most common languages among the Baha'is – it has only been published as selected texts! Such claims are just bluff!

Not only do I oppose this claim, but I consider it an insult and an expression of blasphemy against the divine knowledge and sciences. Undoubtedly, the great world created by God and the scientific laws that govern it are much more reliable and valuable than the self-made and paid rituals of human beings, including the Baha'is.

There is a lot of paraphrasing here but it is still mostly accurate in terms of presenting the concepts in my writings.

Conclusion

Dale Husband, a Baha'i thinker, researcher, author, and scholar, was a member of the Baha'i community for nine years. After a while, he realized the weaknesses, mistakes, conflicts, failures, and inadequacies of the Baha'ism. In a letter to the National Assembly of the Baha'is of US, he stated "after years of researching the truth, I finally come to the conclusion that I could no longer believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established under his name, such as Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am fully convinced that the Baha'is are incapable of achieving their goals of teachings peace, unity, and a golden age for human society." Husband does not believe in the infallibility of Baha'i leaders, and sees the acceptance of such a belief as a movement toward dictatorship and tyranny within the Bahai community. He sharply criticizes the legitimacy of the Baha'i leadership after Abdu'l-Baha and believes that after he the Baha'i leadership should have been handed over to his brother Muhammad Ali Effendi.

Again, it is not accurate to call me a Baha'i.

He considers the current House of Justice (the current Baha'i leadership in Israel) to be illegitimate, and believes that the Baha'ism, after 170 years, has not brought any new achievement to the world. So it is doomed to fail like all extremist cults will eventually fail. I would give it maybe 50 years or so before it falls into ruin.

THE END.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVES IN RELIGION

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narrative_history

Narrative history is the practice of writing history in a story-based form. It tends to entail history-writing based on reconstructing series of short-term events, and ever since the influential work of Leopold von Ranke on professionalising history-writing in the nineteenth century has been associated with empiricism. The term *narrative history* thus overlaps with the term *histoire événementielle* ('event-history') coined by Fernand Braudel in the early twentieth century, as he promoted forms of history-writing analysing much longer-term trends (what he called the *longue durée*).[1]

Though history is considered a social science, the story-based nature of history allows for the inclusion of a greater or lesser degree of narration in addition to an analytical or interpretative exposition of historical knowledge. It can be divided into two subgenres: the traditional narrative and the modern narrative.

Traditional narrative focuses on the chronological order of history. It is event driven and tends to center upon individuals, action, and intention. For example, in regard to the French Revolution, an historian who works with the traditional narrative might be more interested in the revolution as a single entity (one revolution), centre it in Paris, and rely heavily upon major figures such as Maximilien Robespierre.

Conversely, **modern narrative** typically focuses on structures and general trends. A modern narrative would break from rigid chronology if the historian felt it explained the concept better. In terms of the French Revolution, an historian working with the modern narrative might show general traits that were shared by revolutionaries across France but would also illustrate regional variations from those general trends (many confluent revolutions). Also this type of historian might use different sociological factors to show why different types of people supported the general revolution.

Historians who use the modern narrative might say that the traditional narrative focuses too much on what happened and not enough on why and causation. Also, that this form of narrative reduces history into neat boxes and thereby does an injustice to history. J H Hexter characterized such historians as "lumpers". In an essay on Christopher Hill, he remarked that "lumpers do not like accidents: they would prefer them vanish... The lumping historian wants to put all of the past into boxes..and then to tie all the boxes together into one nice shapely bundle."

Historians who use traditional narrative might say that the modern narrative overburdens the reader with trivial data that had no significant effect on the progression of history. They believe that the historian needs to stress what is consequential in history, as otherwise the reader might believe that minor trivial events were more important than they were.

Virtually all the "history" you read in the Bible is this type of narrative.

Joshua 1

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

10 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: 11 “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.’”

12 But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, 13 “Remember the command that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you after he said, ‘The Lord your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’ 14 Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them 15 until the Lord gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the Lord your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

16 Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses. 18 Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!”

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2 Kings 1

1 After Ahab’s death, Moab rebelled against Israel. 2 Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, “Go and consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury.”

3 But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Go up and meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and ask them, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going off to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?’ 4 Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘You will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!’” So Elijah went.

5 When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, “Why have you come back?”

6 “A man came to meet us,” they replied. “And he said to us, ‘Go back to the king who sent you and tell him, “This is what the Lord says: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!”’”

7 The king asked them, “What kind of man was it who came to meet you and told you this?”

8 They replied, “He had a garment of hair[a] and had a leather belt around his waist.”

The king said, “That was Elijah the Tishbite.”

9 Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, “Man of God, the king says, ‘Come down!’”

10 Elijah answered the captain, “If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and

your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

11 At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!'"

12 "If I am a man of God," Elijah replied, "may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

13 So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. "Man of God," he begged, "please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! 14 See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!"

15 The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king.

16 He told the king, "This is what the Lord says: Is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!" 17 So he died, according to the word of the Lord that Elijah had spoken.

Because Ahaziah had no son, Joram[b] succeeded him as king in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. 18 As for all the other events of Ahaziah's reign, and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?

Acts 2

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'[c]

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,[d] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

"'I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,
27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'[e]

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"'The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."'[f]

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of

your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The historical narratives of the Baha'i Faith are also made this way; though they may not contain references to miracles, they are also illogical.

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The Breaking of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant

The passing of Bahá'u'lláh on 28 May 1892 in the Mansion of Bahji marks the beginning of the most turbulent epoch within the Bahá'í community, an epoch which witnessed the onslaught of the unfaithful against the Cause on a far greater scale than any so far encountered in the course of its eventful history, including the rebellion of Mirza Yahya. The blessed remains of Bahá'u'lláh were not yet laid to rest when Mirza Muhammad-'Ali revealed his true self. Up till then he had given the appearance of being loyal to his Father and to Abdu'l-Bahá, but now he launched his ignoble plans to undermine the foundation of the Covenant and overthrow Abdu'l-Bahá, its Centre.

In a celebrated Tablet, the Lawh-i-Hizar Bayti (Tablet of One Thousand Verses) Abdu'l-Bahá describes the grievous events which occurred immediately before and just after the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh. He states that during the days of Bahá'u'lláh's illness, He, Abdu'l-Bahá, was in attendance on His blessed Person by day and by night, most of the time in a state of deep sorrow and depression. One day as He lay in His sick-bed, Bahá'u'lláh ordered Abdu'l-Bahá to gather all those of His papers which were in the room and place them in two special cases. It was Bahá'u'lláh's practice that whenever He left the Mansion for Akka or elsewhere, He used to put all His papers in these large cases. Aware of the implications of this command, Abdu'l-Bahá was shaken to the very depths of His being. As He hesitated to comply, Bahá'u'lláh reiterated His orders. With trembling hands and tearful eyes, Abdu'l-Bahá was beginning to gather the papers when Majdu'd-Din entered the room.

Majdu'd-Din was a son of Bahá'u'lláh's faithful brother Aqay-i-Kalim, but he was utterly different from his father. The most treacherous among the family, he was the most formidable enemy of Abdu'l-Bahá. Indeed, as we shall see later, he was the backbone, if not the principal instigator, of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, the arch-breaker of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh.

In this Tablet, Abdu'l-Bahá further describes the agony of His heart as He forced Himself to gather Bahá'u'lláh's papers. Seeing Majdu'd-Din, Abdu'l-Bahá asked for his assistance, so that this task, so extremely painful to Him, might be soon finished. When all the papers, the seals and other items had been locked into the cases, Bahá'u'lláh said to Abdu'l-Bahá, 'These two now belong to you.' These words, implying the approach of the final hours of Bahá'u'lláh's earthly life, pierced Abdu'l-Bahá's heart like an arrow.

When the ascension took place, Abdu'l-Bahá's grief knew no bounds. The shock He sustained as a result of this

calamitous event was so intense that He found it difficult to describe it. He says that in the morning, along with His brother, He began the task of preparing the remains for burial. When they were about to wash Bahá'u'lláh's blessed body, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali suggested to Abdu'l-Bahá that since the floor would become wet, it would be better to take the two cases out of the room into Badi'u'llah's [1] room. Abdu'l-Bahá was at that point in such a state of shock and grief that He was almost unconscious of His surroundings. He never thought that behind this suggestion could be a treacherous plot designed to rob Him of that precious trust.
[1 The youngest brother of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali.]

He agreed, and the two cases were taken out and that was the last He saw of them.

The sacred remains were laid to rest that same day. Abdu'l-Bahá was disconsolate and heartbroken. He says that for three consecutive days and nights He could not rest a single moment. He wept for hours and was in a state of unbearable grief. The Light of the World had disappeared from His sight and all around Him had been plunged into darkness. On the fourth night after the ascension, He arose from His bed around midnight and walked a few steps hoping that it might help to bring a measure of tranquillity to His agonized heart. As He began to pace the room, He saw through the window a scene His eyes could scarcely believe. His unfaithful brothers had opened the cases and were looking through Bahá'u'lláh's papers, those papers which had been entrusted to Him!

Abdu'l-Bahá was deeply disturbed by the treachery of His brothers so soon after the ascension of their Father. This act of unfaithfulness committed so dishonourably against the most sacred trust of God, inflicted further pain and suffering upon His sorrow-laden heart. He returned to His bed immediately after this incident, for He did not wish His brothers to know He had seen them interfering with the contents of the cases. At this point Abdu'l-Bahá thought to Himself that since His brothers had not seen the Will and Testament of Bahá'u'lláh, which was in Abdu'l-Bahá's possession, they were trying to find some document among His Writings with which to justify their intended action of undermining the foundation of the Cause of God and creating a division within the ranks of its avowed supporters. However, Abdu'l-Bahá hoped, when they saw the Will and Testament, their efforts would be frustrated and they would then return His trust to Him.

But alas, this did not happen! The Kitab-i-'Ahd was read by Aqa Riday-i-Qannad[1] on the ninth day after the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh in the presence of nine witnesses chosen from among Bahá'u'lláh's companions and members of Bahá'u'lláh's family, including Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. On the afternoon of the same day it was read by Majdu'd-Din in the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh before a large company of the friends, consisting of the Aghsan, the Afnan, the pilgrims and resident believers. Abdu'l-Bahá says that after the Kitab-i-'Ahd was read and its contents noted, some rejoiced with exceeding gladness and some grieved with great sorrow. The faces of the faithful were illumined with the light of joy, and those of the falsehearted were covered in the dust of despondency and gloom. Abdu'l-Bahá states that on that day the foundations of Covenant-breaking were laid, the ocean of vain imagining began to surge, and the fire of dissension and strife was lit, its flame burning more fiercely with the passage of time and consuming the hearts and souls of the faithful in its tormenting heat.
[1 For a brief account of his life, see The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, vol. 2.]

Soon after that historic day when the Kitab-i-'Ahd was read, one of the Afnan asked Abdu'l-Bahá to use one of Bahá'u'lláh's blessed seals to seal a Tablet which had been revealed by Bahá'u'lláh in his honour. When Abdu'l-Bahá asked His brothers to give Him the seals of Bahá'u'lláh which had been placed in the cases, they pleaded ignorance, saying they did not know anything about the two cases! Bewildered and perplexed by such a remark, Abdu'l-Bahá was plunged further into sorrow and grief. He describes how His whole being began to tremble when He heard such a response from His brothers, and knew that great tests and trials lay ahead.

Indeed the Kitab-i-'Ahd had the same effect on the believers as an examination paper does on the pupils:

divided into two categories, those who pass and those who fail. As soon as the contents of the Kitab-i-'Ahd were made public the community was divided into two. Those who remained faithful to its sacred provisions rose to exalted realms of certitude and entered the ark of salvation. Those who violated the provisions were spiritually cast out of the community and returned to the deadly abodes of their own self and passions.

Although the violation of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh began in earnest immediately after His ascension, Abdu'l-Bahá did not disclose the rebellion of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, and a host of others who followed him in the Holy Land, to the believers in the East or the West. He tried, as He put it, to stop the foul odour of Covenant-breaking from spreading. He endured in silence for about four years all the suffering and humiliation that they heaped upon Him, as well as their onslaught against the Cause of which He was the only Centre. During these years He endeavoured to His utmost to guide these wayward people, who were intent upon destroying the Edifice of the Cause of God, to the path of truth and to infuse into their dying souls the breath of life. But they were haughty and vainglorious, and His loving counsels and admonitions did not penetrate the hardness of their hearts. At the end it was they themselves who disseminated their evil suggestions and vain imaginings among the believers.

The whole story of the violation of the Covenant by Mirza Muhammad-'Ali was initially made public by himself. Soon the disease spread through Persia and later in the West, and the plague of Covenant-breaking encompassed the community of the Most Great Name everywhere. Consequently Abdu'l-Bahá wrote innumerable Tablets in which He told the story of Covenant-breaking, unmasked the ugly face of this misguided rebellion, named the violators of the Covenant, demonstrated their unfaithfulness and their evil designs and expatiated on His own sufferings at their hands. He elucidated in great detail the basic principles of the Covenant, its origins, its power and its indestructibility. He also urged the believers to remain steadfast in the Covenant, and inspired them to scale loftier heights in service to His Cause.

It is appropriate here to define the term Covenant-breaker. A believer who recognizes Bahá'u'lláh as the Manifestation of God for this age will wholeheartedly obey His teachings and commandments. One of these commandments is to turn to Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of His Covenant, to be submissive to Him and abide by His bidding. The same is true in relation to Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of Justice. A true believer, therefore, is one who believes in Bahá'u'lláh and follows those upon whom He has placed the mantle of authority. A Covenant-breaker is one who while professing to believe in Bahá'u'lláh arises in active opposition to Him; or to the Centre of the Covenant, Abdu'l-Bahá, or to Shoghi Effendi; or today to the Universal House of Justice.

Bahá'u'lláh has described those who break the Covenant as 'birds of night'. This description is very apt because these birds dislike the rays of the sun; if there is light somewhere they flee from it, preferring the darkness. This is the nature of a Covenant-breaker. He perceives the spiritual power and ascendancy of the Centre of the Cause, but cannot bring himself to submit to His authority. Instead he rises in opposition against the One whom he knows to be invested with the potency of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation.

In the days of Bahá'u'lláh, the authority to expel Covenant-breakers was vested in Himself; later it devolved upon Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of the Covenant, and then upon Shoghi Effendi as the Guardian of the Cause. At present, should anyone break the Covenant, his expulsion would be by decision of the Hands of the Cause of God residing in the Holy Land, subject to the approval of the Universal House of Justice.

It is interesting at this juncture to refer briefly to Mirza Badi'u'llah, the youngest son of Bahá'u'lláh who joined hands with his older brother Mirza Muhammad-'Ali, violated the Covenant and rose up in opposition to Abdu'l-Bahá. Some years passed and he, for reasons of his own, went to Abdu'l-Bahá, repented his wrongdoings and begged Abdu'l-Bahá to forgive him. With that loving-kindness characteristic of the Master, he was forgiven. On

that occasion he wrote and published an epistle addressed to the Bahá'í world, in which he described some of the iniquitous activities of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. However, Mirza Badi'u'llah's change of heart lasted for only a short time. He allied himself again with Mirza Muhammad-'Ali and resumed his nefarious activities against the Centre of the Covenant. This son of Bahá'u'lláh, who survived his commander-in-chief Mirza Muhammad-'Ali by many years, inflicted much pain and suffering upon both Abdu'l-Bahá and Shoghi Effendi.

In his 'epistle of repentance' Mirza Badi'u'llah reveals among other things some of the ignoble works perpetrated by Mirza Muhammad-'Ali immediately after the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh. The following is a summary translation of this episode.

"During His last illness, Bahá'u'lláh directed Abdu'l-Bahá to place His papers and Tablets in two special large cases... These were entrusted by Him to Abdu'l-Bahá.... When the time came to wash the sacred body of Bahá'u'lláh, they brought water in the room. Mirza Muhammad-'Ali said to Abdu'l-Bahá that since water would be poured around the room, it would be better to remove the two cases to another room so that they would not get wet. Abdu'l-Bahá assented and Mirza Muhammad-'Ali asked Majdu'd-Din to move them to my room. This was done and the cases were placed in a special cabinet and locked.

"Three days after the ascension of Bahá'u'lláh, Mirza Muhammad-'Ali asked me to give him the keys so that he might open the cases. He said: 'Bahá'u'lláh has placed a certain document in these cases which needs to be studied.' He took the keys from me. The next thing I noticed was that with the help of Majdu'd-Din, Ali Rida, his sister, and the mother of Shu'a'u'llah[1] the cases were taken out of the window onto the balcony of the mansion and from there into the room of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. He took out all the Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh which were addressed to individual believers. When I protested at his action, he explained, among other things, that the responsibility of the protection of the Holy Writings had been given to him by Bahá'u'lláh, and that he had a Tablet to this effect. However, he did not show me any such Tablet... He also indicated to me in a subtle way that the Most Great Branch[2] was against the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh and if these Holy Writings were to fall into His hands, he would destroy them and would obliterate the name and every trace of the Blessed Beauty from this world!

[1 He was a son of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali; see below pp. 277 and 419.]

[2 Abdu'l-Bahá.]

Another violation by Mirza Muhammad-'Ali was the interpolation of the Holy Writings. For a long time ... he used to say that he possessed a Tablet from the Supreme Pen concerning the person of Abdu'l-Bahá and that if he were to publish it, the credibility of Abdu'l-Bahá would be finished and His name effaced forever. He spoke of this on numerous occasions to members of the family. Some time elapsed, during which a few individuals questioned me concerning the Tablet in question. I, therefore, asked Mirza Muhammad-'Ali to show it to us, but every time I mentioned it to him, he offered me an excuse and sought a pretext to avoid it. Until, one day, he took out of the case a blessed Tablet which was revealed before Bahá'u'lláh's imprisonment in the Most Great Prison and gave it to me to read. In it Bahá'u'lláh condemns the iniquities and wicked deeds perpetrated by His brother Mirza Yahya, whom He addresses as 'My brother'. I said to Mirza Muhammad-'Ali that this Tablet had no relevance to the present situation. He said: 'I have permission from Bahá'u'lláh to use my pen and interpolate His Writings for the protection of the Cause. Now since some individuals have exaggerated the station of Abdu'l-Bahá, and the Master claims to be the embodiment of Divinity, I will erase the words "My brother" and insert in its place "My Greatest Branch". This I will show to some people in order to check His influence.'

...After a few minutes, he carried out this interpolation in front of my eyes. Successfully, he changed the words 'My brother' to 'My Greatest Branch'. I pointed out to him that this action amounted to the betrayal of God's

trust and constituted a sin. I warned him that if he showed the Tablet in this form to anyone, I would divulge the whole event and report the act of interpolation.... On hearing these words he became disturbed and promised that he would not show the Tablet to anyone. He also requested me not to reveal the matter." [11-1]

In his 'epistle of repentance', Mirza Badi'u'llah discloses further acts of interpolation of the Holy Tablets. He states that Mirza Muhammad-'Ali interpolated some of the Tablets which were addressed to the Babis who had rebelled against Bahá'u'lláh. These Tablets were condemnatory in tone, and he interpolated them in such a way as to make them appear to condemn the person of Abdu'l-Bahá.

Thus the Covenant-breakers began their shameful careers with acts of deceit, falsehood and corruption of the Text. As the years went by, they intensified their nefarious activities against the Cause of God and its divinely appointed Centre. They created a temporary breach in the ranks of the believers, and caused heart-rending sufferings for Abdu'l-Bahá and His loved ones. But in the end they were overwhelmed by the power of the Covenant, and the only traces they left behind are the stains of their unfaithfulness imprinted upon the pages of the history of the Cause.

There is no more reason to believe that account written by Adib Taherzadeh than there is to believe what was written in the Bible. Indeed, there are logical flaws in the storyline here. One of the supposedly unfaithful brothers of Abdu'l-Bahá was Diya'u'llah.

https://bahai-library.com/taherzadeh_covenant_bahaullah&chapter=13

Bahá'u'lláh's other son, Mirza Diya'u'llah, was a vacillating person who wavered in his allegiance to the Centre of the Covenant; he was easily manipulated and became a willing tool in the hands of Mirza Muhammad-'Ali. He lived in the Mansion of Bahji along with the rest of the family, all of whom were affected by the spirit of Covenant-breaking. Mirza Diya'u'llah died in 1898 not very long after the passing of Bahá'u'lláh. He did not live to take an effective part in all the hostile activities which his brother was conducting against Abdu'l-Bahá. After his death Abdu'l-Bahá said that He had forgiven him.

But while Abdu'l-Bahá apparently allowed for neutrality among his brothers, Shoghi Effendi did not.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E1%B8%8C%C3%ADy%C3%A1%CA%BCu%27ll%C3%A1h

After his death in 1898, Ḍíyá'u'lláh was initially buried next to his father at the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh at the Mansion of Bahjí. However, having been declared a Covenant-breaker, Ḍíyá'u'lláh's remains were disinterred in 1965 in a process the Universal House of Justice described as a "purification... from past contamination."[8]

Why was he declared a "Covenant-breaker" so long after his death? Because history had just been rewritten to depict the rebellion of Abdu'l-Baha's brothers immediately after Baha'u'llah's death, when it probably began many years later once Abdu'l-Baha began making claims for himself and altering the Baha'i teachings contrary to what Baha'u'llah himself taught. In short, that entire storyline by Taherzadeh was most likely COMPLETELY MADE UP many years after the events they were supposed to depict.

Since Baha'is were under strict orders to shun all "Covenant-breakers", that meant the rank and file believers would never have the claims of Shoghi Effendi and his followers challenged directly with an alternative narrative. Such as.....

http://unitarianbahais.org/mohammad-ali-effendi/

The Passing of Baha'u'llah

Mohammad Ali Effendi's words during his father's [Baha'u'llah] passing to the Eternal Realm:

"I wish that I was not in existence to see that dark day. I do not know what to say and to write, and how to explain, as it is beyond the endurance of human strength."

(A poet said,)

"as the pen moves to inscribe the events, the pen is broken and the paper is torn."

Mohammad Ali Effendi states,

"To keep silent is better, to quench the fire burning in my innermost, and thus [I merely] record the events in brief."

One day in the Palace of Bahji, a slight fever attacked Baha'u'llah, but this did not prevent the regular routine and some of the faithful followers were admitted to His presence. The next day the fever increased, and immediately Mohammad Ali wrote a letter to Ghusn-i-Azam (Abdul- Baha) at Acre informing him of the event; he came, and they both served Him to the last. During those days [while Baha'u'llah was ill], all the members of His household were at the Palace (of Bahji). Ghusn-i- Azam and some members of his family divided their time between the house at Acre and the Palace, as discontinuing the association with the natives and the government officials would not have been a wise step.

When Baha'u'llah passed away, according to His commands Ghusn-i-Azam, Mohammad Ali, and Mirza Majdeddin attended to the holy remains, and Khadim assisted them. The other two younger branches[13]could not stand the ordeal and did not join them. Indeed their task was beyond endurance, but they obeyed His command and performed their duties, though burning with the fire of separation.

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF IN THE EXBAHA'I SUBREDDIT

Take a look at this:

> Measures to Restore Civility
> byu/samanwilson inexbahai

That was over two years ago. I was reminded of this incident by a fellow member of r/exbahai here:

> Baha'i eschatology
> byu/S1r0n inexbahai

Where he and I said:

> Seeker_Alpha1701
> The reddit Baha'is often spy on us and in the past even tried to disrupt our community outright.
>
> Here are some stories of their works:
>
> https://dalehusband.com/2018/04/08/treachery-of-bahais-reddit/
>
> https://dalehusband.com/2018/07/04/muslim-bashing-and-libel-against-ex-bahais-in-reddit/
>
> https://dalehusband.com/2020/07/12/another-fight-with-davidbinowen-in-reddit/
>
> https://dalehusband.com/2020/08/26/another-victory-over-the-bahai-faith-and-one-of-its-bigoted-hypocrites/

> Divan001
>
> I can second that. I've even had some of the Azali losers message me after I hurt their little feelings lmao

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> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> Yeah, they were a threat to us a couple of years ago after **their ringleader was banned from here** for **telling outright lies about us** to make himself look like a genius who alone knew the truth about how the world works, but eventually he was totally discredited and his followers quit coming around here.

Divan001

He legit started messaging me when someone mentioned him on the sub and I commented that his beliefs (a cross between Marxism and babies) sounded contradictory. One of the dumbest convos I ever engaged in where he accused me of being a crypto-Baha'i. They're like Baha'is with crack head energy.

"a cross between Marxism and babies"! What a nice PUNishment for Wahid Asshole, eh?

For the sake of clarity, these are the exact statements that got that dingbat tossed out of r/exbahai forever.

Answering Investigator919's disinfo (Part 1)
by inexbahai

https://www.reveddit.com/v/exbahai/comments/cxdsax/answering_investigator919s_disinfo_part_1/

بِسم الله الكاشف الغطاء

Investigator919 has a huge bee in their bonnet regarding the Bayān, and has demonstrated this bias time again. But it is one of those typical woolly biases that one sees amongst liberal Muslims living in the West who are schizophrenic to the core over the Baha'i issue while then parrot fashion regurgitating the uncritical tripe of some of their more reactionary brethren. Now, it is no secret that both the supporters of the liberal faction of the **Islamic Republic of Iran** congregating around Hasan Rouhani and the supporters of the Rafsanjani mafia (to which **Investigator919** as well as the chief moderator of this subreddit are linked) and the Haifan Baha'is are in an open alliance (which I wrote about publicly here in 2016, https://www.counterpunch.org/2016/05/25/behind-the-politics-of-a-current-brouhaha-in-iran-an-ex-president-ayatollahs-daughter-and-the-bahais/). One of the biggest threats this alliance of convenience perceives — just as the Haifan Baha'is and the Khomeinists of the pre-1979 era did as well — are the Bayāni community. At the time **SAVAK**, which the Baha'is controlled via its deputy chief **Parviz Sabeti** (a Sangasari Baha'i), and the *hawza* realized that **Ali Shariati** (d. 1977) was in fact a Bayānī and was actually promoting the Bayān via his ideas of revolutionary Islam *sans* the clericocracy wherein '**Black Shi'ism**' indeed represents the *hawza* and the reactionary mullahs with '**Red Shi'ism'** standing in for the Bāb and the religion of the Bayān. That certain factions of the IRI and the Haifan Baha'is are in bed together and are protecting each others interests is no longer just a mere theory, and so these two together will pull rank against the Bayān while wheeling in dubious paid trolls to muddy waters even further. On this subreddit we have seen this happen time and again especially when the moderators were openly pulling rank behind **DavidbenOwen**.

Now, **Investigator919** regularly cherry-picks from the Bayān. Yet their technical grasp of both Arabic and Persian as well as the writings of the Bāb in general are quite limited (although that doesn't seem to matter to those ex-Baha'is passive-aggressively promoting the interests of the church and Evangelical Christianity in the guise of ex-Bahais), so let's look at what they instanced. Their translation is **bolded** in quotation marks. First the original text is offered and then my translation follows it with the chapter number **bolded** with *the chapter*

heading italicized.

“Chapter six of the sixth unit which is about destroying all books but those that have been written or will be written about this Order (meaning the Bab’s creed). (The Bāb, Farsi Bayān, unit 6, chap. 6.)”

الباب السّادس مِن الواحد السّادس في حُكم مَحوْ كلّ الكُتب كُلّها إلّا ما انشئتْ أوْ تنشئ في ذلك الأمر

THE SIXTH GATE OF THE SIXTH UNITY. REGARDING THE ORDINANCE [ḤUKM] OF THE ERASURE [MAḤW] OF ALL BOOKS, ALL OF THEM, EXCEPT WHAT HAS EMERGED OR WILL ARISE IN THIS CAUSE.

Commentary: The translation offered by **Investigator919** is off by miles. First, neither the words **هدم** or **دمر** have been used here, both meaning ‘*to* [physically] *destroy*‘ something. The word used instead is **محو** [maḥw] which has a specific context in non-*ḥadīth* than the *kumayl*http://wahidazal.blogspot.com/2011/07/hadith-kumayl-or-hadith-al-haqiqa-of.html to which the Primal Point constantly made reference and wherein each of the six years of His Manifestation is supposed to correspond to each of its six theophanic sequences. **محو** [maḥw] occurs in the second theophanic sequence of the *ḥadīth kumayl*:

محو الموهوم و صحو المعلوم

THE ERASURE/NEGATION OF CONJECTURE AND THE REALIZATION OF THE KNOWN.

The nuance is immediately apparent to anyone who actually understands the High Imamology animating the writings of the Primal Point throughout and that He is not actually saying to physically destroy any book but to erase the primacy (i.e. influence) of all books (such as, for instance, the industry of tragicomical nonsense produced by the mullahs for centuries in the corpus of *fiqh*/jurisprudence, i.e. the same industry of jurisprudential nonsense that produced the *wilayat al-faqih* and clerical rule in Iran over the past 40 years to which people such as **Ali Shariati** were sworn enemies because Khomeini and his **Guardianship of the Jurisprudent** is precisely the consummation of the **Black Shi’ism** that both Shariati and the the Primal Point unequivocally denounced and tried to prevent).

CONTINUED IN PART 2.

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wahidazal66

> Let me put you straight, Investigator919. I don't give a flying monkey's backside about your power trip or Saman Wilson's or your territoriality over this subreddit. I have already put the word out far and wide all over the internet about what manner of scum actually manage this place and what dirty politics underlies it all. You, Saman Wilson and whoever yanks your chains belong to the faction of the IRI who are deep in bed with these cultists and you, Wilson and MirzaJan are gatekeping and managing this place on behalf of the Haifans. This nonsense is also going on inside Iran itself as we speak where innocent people who are merely criticizing Bahaism in social media all of a sudden find themselves hauled before Ettela'at (the intelligence ministry) inside Iran itself; and the reason is simple, because scum such as Wilson and yourself (who are more than likely card-carrying Baha'is) are under Rouhani helping the Baha'is within the system. Fortunately there is a long track record for this kind of duplicity by both the Haifans and you Green-Rouhani-Rafsanjani-Ahmadinejad-criminal mafia punks. You can block me from this place. It won't change the fact that you, your duplicity and that of Wison's have already been outed publicly, which is why the traffic to this place is daily coming to a grinding halt. Ban me, and, one way or another, I will have this entire subreddit shut down and publicize your real identity, Saman Wilson's as well as MirzaJan's all over the internet for the trouble.
>
> You have been warned, and you should know by now that I am not one to be trifled with.

> wahidazal66

> Onlyoneatall Also note that for all their crying and carrying on about doxxing, the corrupt and hypocrital moderators of this subreddit who are in the pocket of your "institutions" have no problems in a non-intervention policy where the doxxing and defaming has me as its target. Anyone else, and they jump up and down becoming sticklers for rules — trigger happy with the banning — which they won't implement in other cases. This has been the case from the beginning here, especially as you all already know that I am the real enemy of your cult while others are merely playing, so you may want to tell your **Baha'i Internet Agency** that the double-standard behavior of the mods makes things more than a little obvious and confirms everything I say about how these people roll and who the real identities behind the moderators actually are.
>
> Also, that two defamation posts by the paid troll have been left without intervention also proves what I say about the troll: that this individual has been put up to what they are doing and are paid to do so by the BIA, who actually controls this subreddit with the mods as their gatekeepers, particularly given that the well known racist troll doing the doxxing actually needs the money per their own 2012 article.
>
> https://www.wweek.com/portland/article-19620-notes-from-a-newbie-homeless-portlander.html

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He got banned at that point, only to return with another account with which he said:

> NWahid_Azal

> The truth has already shown itself, and on multiple occasions. Last year in 2018 DavidBenOwen went on a defamation and doxxing spree right here on this subreddit. The mod did nothing. I complained about it, and this individual banned me instead while DavidBinOwen continued to run riot. DavidBenOwn was only recently banned after years of abuse in this place. This has all been a consistent pattern and I have documented it all.

> Any court that reviewed the situation from beginning to end with the evidence I have would immediately see what I claim, that the moderator of this subreddit consistently rewards perpetrators and punishes the victims of these perpetrators whenever they complain or put up a fight. In other words, the moderators here do what Baha'is have always done best: **gaslight** since this is a consistent Baha'i *modus operandi* literally everywhere, not to mention historically located, and the behavior of "Saman Wilson" (not to mention his two dubious sidekicks) only reinforces what I say, i.e. that this subreddit is **gatekept** and its mods are gatekeepers for the interests of Haifan Bahaism against its actual enemies.
>
> Also, the slap in the face **Investigator919** got in the rejoinder here means this individual doesn't wish to be further humiliated intellectually by me over issues they have no clue about and are actually misinforming the public regarding. But that suits the Baha'is just fine since they have profited for over a century in any skewed presentation of the Bayan — or whenever the Bab has been labeled insane and mentally ill — and it will be damned if anyone who knows what they are talking about sets these cultists and their hangers on straight with actual textual evidence, proper contextualization and analysis. That is the bottom line and why "Saman Wilson" and the BIA see me as a threat because they know that I am committed to ending their proverbial "party" and exposing every last one of their deceptions once and for all.

WHAT A FUKED UP SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT! The rules of reddit itself say:

Reminder from the Reddit staff: If you use another account to circumvent this subreddit ban, that will be considered a violation of the Content Policy and can result in your account being suspended from the site as a whole.

So why was I EVER friends with this sick bastard?

Well, it appears about eight or nine months ago he came back yet again with a new account, named Naw-Cryptographer49. At first, he fooled everyone, even me, but eventually I figured him out. And he and I had a final showdown here six months ago:

> Post a youtube video quoting 'Abdu'l-Baha on black Africans
> byu/olivercowdery2021 inexbahai

Where I started to warn others about his intentions:

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> Because he is a troll who seeks to disrupt this subreddit using abusive attacks on others disguised as criticism.
>
> Just do what I did when he did it to me: BLOCK AND IGNORE HIM FROM NOW ON.

That set him off, just as I intended!

> Naw-Cryptographer49

Speak for yourself. One of the biggest trolls on the scene, bar none, who thinks he owns this place while incessantly pushing the UU cult and his own blog of inane drivel and who doesn't even know what a hagiography is. Pathetic.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Naw-Cryptographer49 vomited:

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You know, you are not very good at hiding your true self even when you repeatedly use sockpuppets to get around being banned from this subreddit!

Seeker_Alpha1701

That con artist also said this to me a while ago:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/m9u6yb/divine_manifestations_according_to_the_bab_and/grw6jyl/

You are a know-nothing fanatic, not to mention a head case, no better than the Baha'is you decry. I am trying to get you to spell out your philosophical position, but you seem not to have one and are merely operating by some pseudo-intellectual remote control of rehashed sound bites and one liners, which makes you as dangerous as any braindead RUHIfied Baha'i. The way you talk when challenged on your BS reveals you to be just another basket case chump circumambulating the trauma around their experience with authoritarian cults like Baha'i. Get over yourself already!

Which only confirmed what I said to him first, which was:

Now that I see you are willing to LIE OUTRIGHT to throw out talking points at me even after I try to end our debate on a positive note, I will have no more to do with you. Once a liar, always to be distrusted from now on!

And of course, stating MORE outright lies at me after I decided to shun him only makes him look more ridiculous.

Seeker_Alpha1701

The bigot also outed himself as a "Bayani" fanatic here:

https://www.reddit.com/r/OnThisDateInBahai/comments/m7ul78/march_19_on_this_date_in_1850_the_báb_began_t

As far as I am concerned, anyone who is a follower of the Bab, who was killed by a firing squad in 1850, is as much of an idiot as any Baha'i. Reason: the Bab's claim to be the promised one of Shia Islam was forever debunked by his death, and no amount of phony rhetoric, not from Baha'u'llah or even from any Bayani apologist today, will EVER restore the Bab's credibility.

I like Messengers of God who do not get slaughtered, imprisoned, exiled or exposed as frauds, thank you very

much!

And like the idiot he always has been, Wahid Azal went INSANE at being exposed!

Naw-Cryptographer49

What are you babbling about, you deranged lunatic? Go take your meds and while you do keep your hands off other people's kids, silly sicko fuck!

Naw-Cryptographer49

The biggest con artist hereabouts is the 50+ year old INCEL guy with a psychotic sense of entitlement to a subreddit, not to mention a chip on his shoulder the size of Mt Rushmore, who literally has nothing to contribute but the same old, same old rehashes from a stupid blog where he once wrote up embarrassing sicko fantasy blog posts; gets dumped by the very people who tried to rally behind him after they found out about it; deletes the posts on his blog, and then tries to kill himself with the stove! The STOVE! Yeah, everyone knows that story because the moron blabbered it out himself…

You are the greatest clown EVER! This lady said it best:
https://groups.google.com/g/talk.religion.bahai/c/pydVNFD3l-Y

Of course, I reported all his crap to the mods of the subreddit and they banned him…..AGAIN! And I gave him a final shot even as I was LMAO:

Seeker_Alpha1701

Message to Naw-Cryptographer49:

Wow! It seems that deja vu is a bitch, isn't it?

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cxhzog/measures_to_restore_civility/

And just because I have written about the ugly issue of pedophilia on my blog doesn't mean I AM a pedophile, you lying sack of crap!

https://dalehusband.com/2019/05/12/biblical-genocide-and-pedophilia/

https://dalehusband.com/2021/04/02/rape-apologists-round-two/

And stop making up rumors about me. No doubt, you HOPED I would have committed suicide by now after you made up so many ridiculous lies about me that some people started to believe your bullshit (the "if there is smoke, there must be fire" fallacy), but suicide is nothing to joke about and you claiming that about me too is only more proof of your degenerate nature!

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HOW SHOULD UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS (UUS) DEAL WITH BAHA'IS?

Despite the outward similarities between Unitarian Universalism (UUism) and the Baha'i Faith, the two religious movements have profound differences in actual nature. For this reason, I wrote a book recently explaining the differences:

I have published a BOOK

One chapter of the book dealt directly with what UUs can do if Baha'is interact with them.

1. **Be friendly, but reserved.** – Most Baha'is are genuinely loving for humanity in general, being ignorant of the actual failings of their own religion….just like the members of most other religious groups in the world.
2. **Be willing to work with Baha'is on issues you have in common, but only on YOUR terms.** – They are decent allies against racism and for human rights in general. But they will avoid issues regarding gay rights, seeing gays as diseased.
3. **Do not confront them about their falsehoods and failings of their religion, unless they actually try to convert you.** – Most Baha'is are not emotionally equipped to deal with the totality of the facts regarding why their religion is not suited for most people in the world. However, if a Baha'i does ask specific questions about why you reject the Baha'i Faith, be honest. Do not sugarcoat the truth in such cases.
4. **If you attend Baha'i gatherings, NEVER go alone.** – Such events known as firesides, Unity Feasts and Baha'i Holy Day celebrations are designed to mainipulate "seekers" into learning more about the Faith, but they are profoundly one sided in their depictions. People who are going through periods of depression or grieving over a loss may find themselves subjected to "love-bombing" by Baha'is.
5. **If a Baha'i wants to join a UU church as a "Unitarian Baha'i", welcome him** – Not all Baha'is are loyal to the Universal House of Justice and those that want to think freely should be helped to find a place to do so. UU churches and fellowships are ideal for this.

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HOW TO WASTE INCREDIBLE AMOUNTS OF TIME WRITING BULLSHIT

In 1891, Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, wrote a looooooooooooong letter to an enemy of his back in Persia (later called Iran) named Shaykh Muhammad Taqíy-i-Najafí, called "the Son of the Wolf". Here is text from the first few pages of this work, known as "**the Epistle to the Son of the Wolf**".

https://bahai-library.com/bahaullah_epistle_son_wolf

> In the name of God, the One, the Incomparable,
> the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.
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> Praise be to God, the Eternal that perisheth not, the Everlasting that declineth not, the Self-Subsisting that altereth not. He it is Who is transcendent in His sovereignty, Who is manifest through His signs, and is hidden through His mysteries. He it is at Whose bidding the standard of the Most Exalted Word hath been lifted up in the world of creation, and the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" raised amidst all peoples. He it is Who hath revealed His Cause for the guidance of His creatures, and sent down His verses to demonstrate His Proof and His Testimony, and embellished the preface of the Book of Man with the ornament of utterance through His saying: "The God of Mercy hath taught the Qur'án, hath created man, and taught him articulate speech." No God is there but Him, the One, the Peerless, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beneficent.
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> The light that is shed from the heaven of bounty, and the benediction that shineth from the dawning-place of the will of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, rest upon Him Who is the Supreme Mediator, the Most Exalted Pen, Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His most excellent names and the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes. Through Him the light of unity hath shone forth above the horizon of the world, and the law of oneness hath been revealed amidst the nations, who, with radiant faces, have turned towards the Supreme Horizon, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the kingdom of His knowledge: "Earth and heaven, glory and dominion, are God's, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Lord of grace abounding!"
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> Give ear, O distinguished divine, unto the voice of this Wronged One. He verily, counselleth thee for the sake of God, and exhorteth thee unto that which will cause thee to draw nigh unto Him under all conditions. He, in truth, is the All-Possessing, the Exalted. Know thou that the ear of man hath been created that it may hearken unto the Divine Voice on this Day that hath been mentioned in all the Books, Scriptures, and Tablets. Purify thou, first, thy soul with the waters of renunciation, and adorn thine head with the crown of the fear of God, and thy temple with the ornament of reliance upon Him. Arise, then, and, with thy face set towards the Most Great House, the Spot round which, as decreed by the Eternal King, all that dwell on earth must circle, recite:
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> *"O God, my God, and my Desire, and my Adored One, and my Master, and my Mainstay, and my utmost Hope, and my supreme Aspiration! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty, clinging to the hem of Thy generosity, acknowledging the sanctity of Thy Self and the purity of Thine Essence, and testifying to Thy unity and Thy oneness. I bear witness that Thou art the One, the Single, the Incomparable, the Ever-Abiding. Thou didst not take unto Thyself a partner in Thy dominion, nor didst Thou choose a peer for Thyself upon earth. All created things have borne witness unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified ere their creation. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee! From everlasting Thou wast sanctified from the mention of Thy servants, and exalted above the description of Thy creatures. Thou beholdest, O Lord, the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the sore athirst the living waters of Thine utterance, the abased the tabernacle of Thy glory, the poor the treasury of Thy riches, the*

suppliant the dawning-place of Thy wisdom, the weak the source of Thy strength, the wretched the heaven of Thy bounty, the dumb the kingdom of Thy mention.

"I testify, O my God, and my King, that Thou hast created me to remember Thee, to glorify Thee, and to aid Thy Cause. And yet, I have aided Thine enemies, who have broken Thy Covenant, who have cast away Thy Book, disbelieved in Thee, and repudiated Thy signs. Alas, alas, for my waywardness, and my shame, and my sinfulness, and my wrong-doing that have withheld me from the depths of the ocean of Thy unity and from fathoming the sea of Thy mercy. Wherefore, alas, alas! and again alas, alas! for my wretchedness and the grievousness of my transgressions! Thou didst call me into being, O my God, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy Cause. My heedlessness, however, hath deterred me and compassed me about, in such wise that I have arisen to blot out Thy signs, and to shed the blood of Thy loved ones, and of the dawning-places of Thy signs, and of the daysprings of Thy revelation, and of the repositories of Thy mysteries.

"O Lord, my Lord! and again, O Lord, my Lord! and yet again, O Lord, my Lord! I bear witness that by reason of mine iniquity the fruits of the tree of Thy justice have fallen, and through the fire of my rebelliousness the hearts of such of Thy creatures as enjoy near access to Thee were consumed, and the souls of the sincere among Thy servants have melted. O wretched, wretched that I am! O the cruelties, the glaring cruelties, I inflicted! Woe is me, woe is me, for my remoteness from Thee, and for my waywardness, and mine ignorance, and my baseness, and my repudiation of Thee, and my protests against Thee! How many the days during which Thou didst bid Thy servants and Thy loved ones to protect me, whilst I commanded them to harm Thee and to harm them that Thou didst trust! And how numerous the nights during which Thou didst graciously remember me, and didst show me Thy path, whilst I turned away from Thee and from Thy signs! By Thy glory! O Thou Who art the Hope of such as have acknowledged Thy unity, and the Desire of the hearts of them that are rid of all attachment to any save Thee! I find no succorer except Thee, nor king, nor refuge, nor haven besides Thyself. Alas, alas! My turning away from Thee hath burnt up the veil of mine integrity, and my denial of Thee hath rent asunder the covering cast over mine honor. O would that I were beneath the depths of the earth, so that my evil deeds would remain unknown to Thy servants! Thou seest the sinner, O my Lord, who hath turned towards the dawning-place of Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty, and the mountain of iniquity that hath sought the heaven of Thy mercy and pardon. Alas, alas! My mighty sins have prevented me from approaching the court of Thy mercy, and my monstrous deeds have caused me to stray far from the sanctuary of Thy presence. Indeed, I am he that hath failed in duty towards Thee, and hath broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and committed that which hath made the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice, and the dawning-places of Thy grace in Thy realms, to lament. I testify, O my God, that I have put away Thy commandments, and clung to the dictates of my passions, and have cast away the statutes of Thy Book, and seized the book of mine own desire. O misery, misery! As mine iniquities waxed greater and greater, Thy forbearance towards me augmented, and as the fire of my rebelliousness grew fiercer, the more did Thy forgiveness and Thy grace seek to smother up its flame. By the power of Thy might! O Thou Who art the desire of the world and the Best-Beloved of the nations! Thy long-suffering hath puffed me up, and Thy patience hath emboldened me. Thou beholdest, O my God, the tears that my shame hath caused to flow, and the sighs which my heedlessness hath led me to utter. I swear by the greatness of Thy majesty! I can find for myself no habitation save beneath the shadow of the court of Thy bounty, nor any refuge except under the canopy of Thy mercy. Thou seest me in the midst of a sea of despair and of hopelessness, after Thou didst cause me to hear Thy words "Despair not." By Thy power! My sore injustice hath severed the cord of my hope, and my rebellion hath darkened my face before the throne of Thy justice. Thou beholdest, O my God, him who is as one dead fallen at the door of Thy favor, ashamed to seek from the hand of Thy loving-kindness the living waters of Thy pardon. Thou hast given me a tongue wherewith to remember and praise Thee, and yet it uttereth that which hath caused the souls of such of Thy chosen ones as are nigh unto Thee to melt, and the

hearts of the sincere amongst the dwellers of the habitations of holiness to be consumed. Thou hast given me eyes to witness Thy signs, and to behold Thy verses, and to contemplate the revelations of Thine handiwork, but I have rejected Thy will, and have committed what hath caused the faithful among Thy creatures and the detached amidst Thy servants to groan. Thou hast given me ears that I may incline them unto Thy praise and Thy celebration, and unto that which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the firmament of Thy will. And yet, alas, alas, I have forsaken Thy Cause, and have commanded Thy servants to blaspheme against Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones, and have acted, before the throne of Thy justice, in such wise that those that have recognized Thy unity and are wholly devoted to Thee among the dwellers of Thy realm mourned with a sore lamentation. I know not, O my God, which among my evildoings to mention before the billowing ocean of Thy favor, nor which of my trespasses to declare when face to face with the splendors of the suns of Thy goodly gifts and bounties.

"I beseech Thee, this very moment, by the mysteries of Thy Book, and by the things hid in Thy knowledge, and by the pearls that lie concealed within the shells of the ocean of Thy mercy, to reckon me among such as Thou didst mention in Thy Book and describe in Thy Tablets. Hast Thou decreed for me, O my God, any joy after this tribulation, or any relief to succeed this affliction, or any ease to follow this trouble? Alas, alas! Thou hast ordained that every pulpit be set apart for Thy mention, and for the glorification of Thy Word, and the revelation of Thy Cause, but I have ascended it to proclaim the violation of Thy Covenant, and have spoken unto Thy servants such words as have caused the dwellers of the Tabernacles of Thy majesty and the denizens of the Cities of Thy wisdom to lament. How often hast Thou sent down the food of Thine utterance out of the heaven of Thy bounty, and I denied it; and how numerous the occasions on which Thou hast summoned me to the soft flowing waters of Thy mercy, and I have chosen to turn away therefrom, by reason of my having followed my own wish and desire! By Thy glory! I know not for which sin to beg Thy forgiveness and implore Thy pardon, nor from which of mine iniquities to turn aside unto the Court of Thy bounteousness and the Sanctuary of Thy favor. Such are my sins and trespasses that no man can number them, nor pen describe them. I implore Thee, O Thou that turnest darkness into light, and revealest Thy mysteries on the Sinai of Thy Revelation, to aid me, at all times, to put my trust in Thee, and to commit mine affairs unto Thy care. Make me, then, O my God, content with that which the finger of Thy decree hath traced, and the pen of Thy ordinance hath written. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in heaven and on earth. No God is there but Thee, the All-knowing, the All-Wise."

O Shaykh! Know thou that neither the calumnies which men may utter, nor their denials, nor any cavils they may raise, can harm him that hath clung to the cord of the grace, and seized the hem of the mercy, of the Lord of creation. By God! He, the Glory of God (Bahá), hath spoken not from mere impulse. He that hath given Him a voice is He that hath given a voice unto all things, that they may praise and glorify Him. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Incomparable, the Lord of strength, the Unconditioned.

They whose sight is keen, whose ears are retentive, whose hearts are enlightened, and whose breasts are dilated, recognize both truth and falsehood, and distinguish the one from the other. Recite thou this prayer that hath flowed from the tongue of this Wronged One, and ponder thereon with a heart rid of all attachment, and with ears that are pure and sanctified, be attentive to its meaning, that haply thou mayest inhale the breath of detachment and have pity upon thyself and upon others:

"My God, the Object of my adoration, the Goal of my desire, the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate! All life is of Thee, and all power lieth within the grasp of Thine omnipotence. Whosoever Thou exaltest is raised above the angels, and attaineth the station: `Verily, We uplifted him to a place on high!'; and whosoever Thou dost abase is made lower than dust, nay, less than nothing. O Divine Providence! Though wicked, sinful, and intemperate, we still seek from Thee a `seat of truth,' and long to behold the countenance of the Omnipotent

King. It is Thine to command, and all sovereignty belongeth to Thee, and the realm of might boweth before Thy behest. Everything Thou doest is pure justice, nay, the very essence of grace. One gleam from the splendors of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, sufficeth to banish and blot out every trace of sinfulness from the world, and a single breath from the breezes of the Day of Thy Revelation is enough to adorn all mankind with a fresh attire. Vouchsafe Thy strength, O Almighty One, unto Thy weak creatures, and quicken them who are as dead, that haply they may find Thee, and may be led unto the ocean of Thy guidance, and may remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Should the fragrance of Thy praise be shed abroad by any of the divers tongues of the world, out of the East or out of the West, it would, verily, be prized and greatly cherished. If such tongues, however, be deprived of that fragrance, they assuredly would be unworthy of any mention, in word or yet in thought. We beg of Thee, O Providence, to show Thy way unto all men, and to guide them aright. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing."

We beseech God to aid thee to be just and fair-minded, and to acquaint thee with the things that were hidden from the eyes of men. He, in truth, is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. We ask thee to reflect upon that which hath been revealed, and to be fair and just in thy speech, that perchance the splendors of the daystar of truthfulness and sincerity may shine forth, and may deliver thee from the darkness of ignorance, and illumine the world with the light of knowledge. This Wronged One hath frequented no school, neither hath He attended the controversies of the learned. By My life! Not of Mine own volition have I revealed Myself, but God, of His own choosing, hath manifested Me. In the Tablet, addressed to His Majesty the Sháh–may God, blessed and glorified be He, assist him–these words have streamed from the tongue of this Wronged One:

"O King! I was but a man like others, asleep upon My couch, when lo, the breezes of the All-Glorious were wafted over Me, and taught Me the knowledge of all that hath been. This thing is not from Me, but from One Who is Almighty and All-Knowing. And He bade Me lift up My voice between earth and heaven, and for this there befell Me what hath caused the tears of every man of understanding to flow. The learning current amongst men I studied not; their schools I entered not. Ask of the city wherein I dwelt, that thou mayest be well assured that I am not of them who speak falsely. This is but a leaf which the winds of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised, have stirred. Can it be still when the tempestuous winds are blowing? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of all Names and Attributes! They move it as they list. The evanescent is as nothing before Him Who is the Ever-Abiding. His all-compelling summons hath reached Me, and caused Me to speak His praise amidst all people. I was indeed as one dead when His behest was uttered. The hand of the will of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful, transformed Me."

Now is the moment in which to cleanse thyself with the waters of detachment that have flowed out from the Supreme Pen, and to ponder, wholly for the sake of God, those things which, time and again, have been sent down or manifested, and then to strive, as much as lieth in thee, to quench, through the power of wisdom and the force of thy utterance, the fire of enmity and hatred which smouldereth in the hearts of the peoples of the world. The Divine Messengers have been sent down, and their Books were revealed, for the purpose of promoting the knowledge of God, and of furthering unity and fellowship amongst men. But now behold, how they have made the Law of God a cause and pretext for perversity and hatred. How pitiful, how regrettable, that most men are cleaving fast to, and have busied themselves with, the things they possess, and are unaware of, and shut out as by a veil from, the things God possesseth!

So in TWELVE PAGES Baha'u'llah wrote to his enemy that he should recite two prayers and included a LOT of other rhetoric besides that would be a chore to read through regarding any subject. And the book is actually 181 pages long! But not only was this sent to his enemy, it would later be translated into English by Shoghi Effendi and published in book form for Baha'is in general to purchase and read. WHY? What would be the fuking point of doing that?!

Contrast that to how I write things.

https://dalehusband.com/2017/01/22/why-i-abandoned-the-haifan-bahai-faith/

> From 1995 to 2004, I was a member of a religion known as the Baha'i Faith. This religion teaches that God is called by various names but is still the same all over the world, that all religions teach the same basic message, and that humanity is actually one race and is destined to unite under the banner of the Baha'i Faith in a new age of peace and unity.
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> I was eager to see and to achieve the highest goodness in my life and in the world, so this was a Godsend to me! I embraced the faith after attending firesides about it in Bedford, Texas and became an active teacher of it, even attempting to convert others to it. I had been a Christian, specifically a Southern Baptist, in my teens, but had become disgusted with Christianity and left that faith in my early 20s because I saw the errors, contradictions, and failures of it. The Baha'i Faith explained that away by claiming that while Jesus was indeed a Messenger (or Manifestation) of God, His faith had become corrupted over time and thus most Christians were not truly following him, but the doctrines of men. In joining the Baha'i community, I thought I was seeing what the early Christians in the Roman Empire were like, except that unlike them the Baha'is would not split into competing sects and engage in wars against each other. If only everyone in the world became Baha'i, I was told, we would be at peace and prosperity forever.
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> What a wonderful vision! But human nature will NEVER allow for it! The reason is that the leadership of the Baha'i Faith, from its founder, Baha'u'llah, to the Universal House of Justice today, claims to be infallible because it is guided by God. Yet we know that Baha'u'llah, his son Abdu'l-Baha, Abdu'l-Baha's grandson Shoghi Effendi (the Guardian of the Faith), and the members of the Universal House of Justice were/are all HUMAN BEINGS. What evidence do we have that ANY of them are infallible? NONE! And if you cannot question the will of a leadership, what do you in fact have? Tyranny! And what does tyranny always lead to, according to history? Corruption and injustice! And that, in turn results in the system breaking down over time. Indeed, the very idea that any human being, human run institution, or human product is infallible is sheer nonsense. It is the most dangerous idea in the world!

Short and directly to the point! To me, that is the ONLY writing style that should be done and accepted anywhere.

You can find this sort of writing here too:

https://www.uuworld.org/articles/president-special-message-policing

> **A message to white Unitarian Universalists.**
>
> Susan Frederick-Gray | 6/4/2020
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> I wanted to write to my sibling white UUs, to share how my attitude towards policing has dramatically changed over the last fifteen years.
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> As I watch the news unfold this week, I feel heartbroken and angry. I also feel something else—trauma. As I watched the videos of police cars in New York City and Columbus, Ohio, drive into crowds of people, I felt in my body the fear and trauma of what it was like to be on the streets in Charlottesville, Virginia, when the police stood and allowed armed white supremacist, white nationalist, antisemitic, neo-confederates to attack peaceful, faithful counter-protesters who had come to witness against their hatred.
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> I also notice how my left arm is hurting. The one that Sheriff Joe Arpaio's deputies tried to break, the one that had scars on it for years from the zip tie handcuffs they used on me when I was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2010.

> These stories I share of witnessing and experiencing police violence are minor compared to the lived experience of many Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color in the United States. Even the violence I experienced in the Maricopa County jail was minor compared to that of the young Latino man arrested with me who was beaten unconscious by sheriff's deputies. My experience is minor compared to the violence Black Americans have experienced for generations at the hands of police, at the hands of white people, at the hands of slave holders.
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> My experiences are minor in comparison, and I only experienced them because I chose solidarity with communities of color. That choice taught me a lot about whiteness, about policing, and about the United States.
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> Listening to and organizing with Black and brown communities in Phoenix, I learned how my neighbors lived under a virtual police state. Their neighborhoods were constantly surveilled by police, and in Southern Arizona, by Border Patrol as well. Police, sometimes in riot gear, would move through neighborhoods and apartment buildings knocking on doors, stopping pedestrians and people in cars and on bikes, asking for documentation. Listening to Black organizers in Cleveland, Ohio, as part of the Issue 1 campaign in 2018, the story was similar. Police surveillance is constant in many communities of color in the United States.
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> As white people—especially those with class privilege—we are taught that police protect and serve the community. They are seen as "helpers." We teach our children if they are lost, in danger, or need help, to look for a police officer. And largely, through most of my life, this narrative has matched my experience. However, the killings of Tamir Rice and Aiyana Stanley Jones are devastating examples of why Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color (BIPOC) cannot teach their children this.
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> Uprisings are occurring across the country because police have never been "helpers" for most Black people in the United States, nor for most Indigenous people and people of color. As with so many experiences of inequity in this country, white supremacy shields white people from harm while teaching us to disbelieve the lived experience of our Black, brown, and Indigenous neighbors.
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> The system of policing in the United States evolved directly from slave patrols: groups of armed white men authorized to protect white wealth and white safety, and to control and destroy Black lives. It's not coincidental, then, that police have frequently been involved in lynchings and the violent enforcement of segregation, including the segregation that persists today. It's not coincidental that Ahmaud Arbery was murdered by a former police officer, or that we are seeing footage of police literally crushing crowds of Black protesters under squad cars and horses.
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> The recent news stories of Amy Cooper, a white woman who called the police on a Black man in Central Park when he asked her to follow the rules and keep her dog on a leash; and of Tom Austin, a white man, calling the police on Black tenants in his own building, illustrate exactly what policing in America is: a system rooted in anti-Blackness that assumes and reinforces expectations of white innocence and Black guilt.

That was from the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. You may read the rest of that if you want. She too, writes with clarity and keeps things consistently simple and brief.

Baha'u'llah wrote like a megalomaniac who mistakenly thought that padding his words would make them look credible. Uh, NO, he only looked ridiculous. If I'd been the Son of the Wolf, I would have run that entire epistle through a shredder after reading only a couple of its pages. Why did I ever believe in Baha'u'llah as a Messenger of God? Even his **Kitab-i-Aqdas** wasn't this bad!

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I AM NOT AN "ORTHODOX" BAHA'I!

Ever since I came out as opposing the Baha'i Faith headquartered in Haifa, Israel, I have been a lighting rod of criticism from a few of those zealots associated with it.

Let me clarify my position for those who may be confused about where I stand.

1. By theological conviction, I am an agnostic, meaning I consider the issue of God's existence to be beyond the ability of humans to know. By some definitions, I am also an atheist, except I consider atheism to be only the claim that there is no God. As a strict empiricist, this is not an option I accept for myself.

2. By religious affiliation, I am a Unitarian Universalist.

3. As far as Christianity is concerned, I consider the Baptist wing of Protestanism to be the "true" form of it, and see all others as deviating from the original Gospel in various ways and degrees. But if the teachings of Jesus were literally true, then he should have returned to establish his kingdom by AD 100. He did not, so any further claim that he will eventually return is bogus.

4. As far as the Baha'i Faith is concerned, I see the Faith as having been vitually ruined by the concept of the "Covenant" established by Abdu'l-Baha in his Will and Testament. No Baha'i sect which claims to follow the directives of that document is legitimate, because no one actually follows it consistently. NONE OF THEM!

http://orthodoxbahai.com/what_is.htm

> Those who encounter the title "Orthodox Bahá'í" for the first time, especially those who are followers of the sans-Guardian Universal House of Justice, may wonder why people would identify themselves as Orthodox Bahá'ís if, as 'Abdu'l-Bahá has stated, the Bahá'í Covenant makes it *"impossible for any one to create a sect or faction of belief."* Why, then, would those who identify themselves as Bahá'ís find it necessary to add the word "Orthodox"? Aren't they, by doing so, going against the Covenant and what 'Abdu'l-Bahá said? Aren't they attempting to make a schism in a Faith that carries the promise of never experiencing division? Shouldn't they, instead, identify themselves with the majority faction of the Cause so that the Bahá'í Faith continues to convey the promise of never splintering into differing sects?

When you start off like that, you already look rediculous, and you make it worse when you continue with a ton of doublespeak. Why not just say Abdu'l-Baha was wrong and be done with it? Oh, because then the Orthodox Baha'is' own claim to be following the true Guardian would be invalidated. **LOGIC FAIL!**

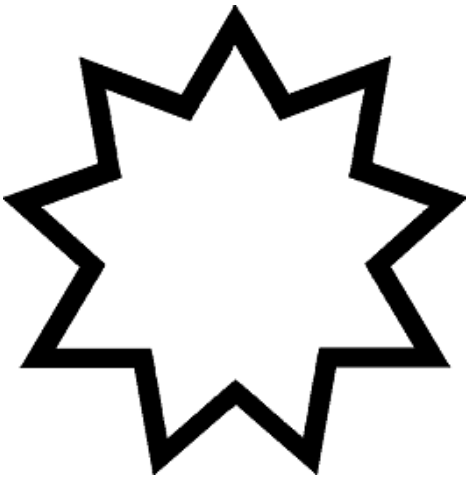
There is absolutely NOTHING in the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha to indicate that anyone outside the male descendants of Baha'u'llah (defined in that document as "branches") could succeed Shoghi Effendi. Charles Mason Remey, who tried to claim the Guardianship even before the Universal House of Justice could be established, was not a "branch". There was no explicit statement from Shoghi Effendi in his lifetime that Remey was intended to be his successor. And nine elected Hands of the Cause of God would have had to approve Shoghi Effendi's choice anyway. That certainly was not done! Instead, Remey was declared a "Covenant-breaker" and expelled from the Faith by his fellow Hands. And likewise, Joel Bray Marangella has no rightful claim to the Guardianship either. He is a fraud, just as much as the Universal House of Justice in Haifa. The only "true" Baha'is are those who recognize that even Baha'u'llah was not totally sinless and infallible and allow for him to be as human as the rest of us, respecting him as their Faith's founder but also being willing to think for themselves to allow the Faith to evolve according to the needs of the modern world. To some extent this evolution has occured even within the Haifan Baha'i Faith, but the assumption of infalliblity of the Faith's leadership remains. That is a lie and we need to deal with that lie constantly until its credibility is destroyed completely.

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IF YOUR SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION IS BAHA'I...



I try not to be hypocritical, so just as **I admonished my fellow Humanists not to be arrogant towards Theists**, so likewise I must be accepting of those who consider themselves Baha'is, despite my personal rejection of the Baha'i Faith and my many damning writings against it. But my tolerance does have its limits. And here are the reasons why:

1. Baha'u'llah called for Abdu'l-Baha to be the leader of the Baha'i Faith after him and that his brother Mirza Muhammad-Ali was to be Abdu'l-Baha's successor. He did NOT claim anything for Abdu'l-Baha beyond that.
2. Abdu'l-Baha broke the original Baha'i covenant by claiming to be infallible (Baha'u'llah in the Kitab-i-Aqdas said only God was infallible). Because his brother opposed this, that brother was denounced as a covenant-breaker, ironically. Abdu'l-Baha then appointed Shoghi Effendi as his successor (the "Guardian of the Cause of God") and said that the Guardian and the Universal House of Justice would also be infallibly guided by God. This I consider to be blasphemy.
3. Shoghi Effendi did nothing to establish the Universal House of Justice while he was alive, keeping all the power of the leadership for himself, contrary to what Abdu'l-Baha commanded. When his own relatives questioned his decisions and priorities, he expelled them until there were none left in the Baha'i community. That's what a megalomaniac does, not a responsible and principled leader.
4. The Universal House of Justice was established without a Guardian at its head and has none to this day, making it an illegitimate body according to what Abdu'l-Baha wrote and Shoghi Effendi himself wrote also.
5. To justify all the disruptive changes to the Faith over the course of its history, that history was rewritten through intense thought control and censorship. A vast number of unfounded claims based on dogma rather than objective truth were set up, most notably by Shoghi Effendi and then later amplified by the notorious "historian" **Adib Taherzadeh**. The latter was ultimately rewarded for his chicanery by being elected to the Universal House of Justice. **Damn him!!!**

There is only one version of the Baha'i Faith that even comes close to being honest and fair in its teachings and activities: the **Unitarian Baha'i Faith**, descended from the ideas of Mirza Muhammad-Ali. You can find a group on Facebook devoted to this: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/876637386003389/**

Therefore, I reject completely any association with the mainstream "Haifan" Baha'i Faith (which falsely calls itself THE Baha'i Faith) as well as other splinter groups that claim to follow a "Guardian". While I do not consider the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha to be a forgery, I still reject it as legitimate. So should everyone else. Only the writings of Baha'u'llah himself should be considered Baha'i scripture at all.

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JOSEPH MASSAD, A LEFT WING EXTREMIST AND BIGOTED HATEMONGER!

I thought **Wahid Azal and his Bayani cultists** were alone in their insane extremism and conspiracy theories, but now I see where Azal actually got some of his absurdities from. Introducing.....

https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/human-face-white-supremacy-and-neoliberalism

Joseph Massad

23 April 2020

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The white US liberal intelligentsia has been constantly frustrated since the election of President Donald Trump in 2016.

The more attacks the white and corporate-controlled liberal US media outlets launch against the business-supported Trump, the more popular he becomes.

As white liberals feign concern over Trump's continued dismantlement of the welfare state and restoration of an unapologetic white supremacist system, his many supporters celebrate these achievements and demand more.

What is it that makes Trump so much more persuasive to so many Americans than the liberal media and its pundits?

Uniting against the communist threat

To comprehend how US political culture understands the welfare state and the dismantlement of institutional white supremacy, we must go back and understand how they came about in the first place.

When amid the Great Depression, then US President Franklin Roosevelt opted for the New Deal to transform the country into a welfare state beginning in the 1930s (expanded by his successors through the 1960s), he did so to save US capitalism from the impending communist threat while maintaining white supremacy, and not because of any socialist leanings.

The Russian Revolution was institutionalising itself by the mid-1920s as an example for the world to follow, and by the 1930s the US Communist Party's influence on American workers became a veritable threat to the capitalist order.

Indeed, with the major triumph of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany, the threat of communism had become so great by the end of WWII that the white capitalist powers opted to stop their competition and unite against the communist threat.

Anti-Soviet propaganda began in earnest after the war, as the Americans launched a religious war against the Soviets, condemning them as secular and Godless atheists. Former President Dwight Eisenhower decided to get baptised in office and brought the fanatical reverend Billy Graham in as a spiritual adviser to the White House.

Eisenhower began the tradition of the "National Prayer Breakfast" and started his cabinet meetings with a moment of silent prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was transformed in 1954 by Eisenhower from "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all", to pledging allegiance to one nation "under God".

In 1956, Congress enacted a law signed by Eisenhower that introduced the phrase "In God We Trust" to be printed on American paper currency, replacing the erstwhile phrase "E pluribus unum" (out of many, one), in use since 1776.

Two years later, Congress enacted a law introducing the phrase "In God We Trust" as the national motto of the US.

Institutional white supremacy

US liberal journalism, mortgaged to big corporations and their crusade against communism, celebrated these transformations. It was the Eisenhower administration that enlisted religion and invented anti-communist Islamist jihadism as a weapon against Soviet communism and Third World socialism, with Saudi Arabia subcontracted for the role soon after.

As a result of Eisenhower's Protestant Christian institutionalisation, the proportion of religious Americans rose from 49 percent in 1940 to 69 percent in 1960.

These transformations took place when the US South was run by a white supremacist, racial segregationist system, while racist institutions and structures dominated the north and the federal government.

Federal laws created white-only towns called "the suburbs", enforced by racially restrictive "covenants" for home ownership, while the 1944 GI bill made benefits in housing and education available only to white people.

In the context of an institutionally white supremacist US, American journalists and intellectuals sang the glories of US democracy against Godless communism.

But if the welfare state was able to pull the rug out from under the communists, white supremacy made the US vulnerable to anti-racists, communist or otherwise, around the world. This was especially grave for US imperialism, as recently decolonised countries around the world, who had just rid themselves of the European colonial racist yoke, looked to the Soviets as an anti-racist, socialist example with which to ally, rather than the white supremacist US.

Just as the welfare state put a human face on capitalism, there was a need for a human face to be placed on US white supremacy. The 1954 Supreme Court case of *Brown v Board of Education* began the dismantling of the racist apartheid educational system. This was mainly done not as a concession to African Americans, but as part of the imperialist strategy to attract Third World countries repulsed by US white supremacy.

Emboldening the new right

But the momentum of the black struggle to end white supremacy within the US could not be stopped, and it proceeded apace in the 1960s, with increasing white liberal concessions from the state and its judicial system – especially as the dismantlement of formal white supremacist structures seemed to beautify the ugly reality of US white supremacy.

US liberal journalism and the liberal white intelligentsia again celebrated the state's achievements – while simultaneously targeting black "radical" civil libertarians with racist propaganda campaigns – as proof of the glories of US democracy against "totalitarian" communism.

This, however, did not appeal to the massive white racist political culture, especially as racist depictions of non-whites in US culture continued on liberal white-dominated television screens and in the culture at large.



Horrified by these concessions that weakened formal white supremacy, the new right, emboldened by white liberal anti-communism, racism, and Eisenhower's institutionalised religion, began to organise in the late 1960s, demanding the reinstatement of white supremacy and the dismantling of the welfare state.

The New Jim Crow system was instituted in the 1970s and has intensified since the 1980s to keep African Americans "in their place", while former President Ronald Reagan and his successors heeded corporate demands to get rid of the Soviets once and for all so that the New Deal could be safely dismantled.

Once the Soviets were gone, presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama intensified the destruction of the welfare state, while putting a lovable human face on US neoliberalism and white supremacy. This is why Obama, especially, was and remains the best thing that ever happened to white liberals.

Racial tokenism

With the fall of the communist threat, the liberal discourse of US democracy deployed since the 1960s lost its efficacy. Liberal notions of "multiculturalism" and "diversity", which had not improved the lives of the majority of blacks, Latinos or Native Americans, whose poverty and oppression persist, as is the case with poor whites (and the majority of the poor in the US are indeed white), were quickly understood as neoliberal and liberal ruses of white supremacist racial tokenism.

The liberal US corporate media never laid blame for the poverty of Americans on the white owners of big business, having itself been part of the white supremacist corporate attacks on the welfare state since the 1970s as a system of privilege for "lazy" non-white Americans at the expense of "hard-working" white Americans.

As a result, the majority of the white poor became ingrained with the idea that their real and only identity was white, not poor, and that their enemy was not the white owners of the corporations that impoverished them, but the victimised poor non-whites and immigrants.

When Trump arrived on the scene, he did not tell poor white Americans anything that they had not been taught by US culture, media, and evangelical Protestantism since Billy Graham.

Trump's strategy, like that of the white supremacist right of which he is a part, was to tell the white poor that as white people, he was on their side, and that their enemy was not only what remains of the US welfare state, but

also (the pretend) US "multicultural democracy" that white liberalism has used to cover up US white supremacy since the 1970s.

Yet what Trump promises poor white Americans who lack white and class privilege – and whom white liberals, such as Hillary Clinton, find "deplorable" – is a restoration of formal white supremacy, which they mistake for an amelioration of their poverty.

Corporate aspirations

As there is no longer a communist threat, and Third World neoliberal elites have been converted since the 1970s into the biggest fans of the US (now that they can be inducted into the one percent through "diversity" and "multiculturalism" programmes), conservative US white supremacists correctly realised that they could come out of the closet and demand the reversal of all the concessions the liberal white supremacists had instituted during the communist threat years.

Trump represents these corporate aspirations, which have been pushed by the US liberal media and culture for decades. Indeed, Trump is a creation of white American liberalism's own trajectory, not a contradiction to it.

This is why when hypocritical US liberal journalists and pundits question Trump during press conferences – most evident during the recent coronavirus crisis – or debate his appeal on liberal television networks, he shows them up easily for the hypocrites they are.

What accounts for this achievement is Trump's sincere commitment to the restoration of an unabashed, unapologetic US white supremacy and runaway capitalism that easily withstands the wishy-washiness of white US liberalism and its continued commitment to white supremacy with a human face, whether a white one or in blackface.

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Let's look at his claims in detail.

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Is this guy a Republican cultist? Sure sounds like one!

When amid the Great Depression, then US President Franklin Roosevelt opted for the New Deal to transform the country into a welfare state beginning in the 1930s (expanded by his successors through the 1960s), he did so to save US capitalism from the impending communist threat while maintaining white supremacy, and not because of any socialist leanings.

Because in his extremist mind, anything that is not dedicated to overthrowing capitalism must be evil, right? And did FDR say anything about maintaining white supremacy?

> Indeed, with the major triumph of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany, the threat of communism had become so great by the end of WWII that the white capitalist powers opted to stop their competition and unite against the communist threat.

And with good reason: Joseph Stalin actually killed more of his own people than Hitler killed the Jews and other victims during the Holocaust! Other nations did not need to suffer from such things.

> Federal laws created white-only towns called "the suburbs", enforced by racially restrictive "covenants" for home ownership, while the 1944 GI bill made benefits in housing and education available only to white people.

What federal laws? I grew up in one of those suburbs, Haltom City, Texas and it was NOT whites only; there were many blacks and Hispanics attending the schools I went to and so white supremacy was not that much of an issue among us.

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Sure, efforts to eliminate racism in America must ALWAYS have an ulterior motive, right? That's straight up anti-American BIGOTRY!

> Once the Soviets were gone, presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama intensified the destruction of the welfare state, while putting a lovable human face on US neoliberalism and white supremacy. This is why Obama, especially, was and remains the best thing that ever happened to white liberals.

Uh, wasn't Obama supposed to be a black man, with a black wife and black daughters? And why keep talking about WHITE liberals? Real liberals are of all races. Do you not see anti-white bigotry here?

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Is he referring to FOX News and people like Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter? Does this idiot think that EVERYTHING in American politics and the media is LIBERAL?

> Yet what Trump promises poor white Americans who lack white and class privilege – and whom white liberals, such as Hillary Clinton, find "deplorable" – is a restoration of formal white supremacy, which they mistake for an amelioration of their poverty.

This is actually true. That's why Trump wants to end immigration of non-white people and deport millions of non-white people that are already here. But that has nothing to do with anything liberal.

> Trump represents these corporate aspirations, which have been pushed by the US liberal media and culture for decades. Indeed, Trump is a creation of white American liberalism's own trajectory, not a contradiction to it.

That is absolute BULLSHIT! You might as well claim the Earth is flat. Trump is actually American CONSERVATISM in its purest form, and thus opposed to liberalism in any form.

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> most evident during the recent coronavirus crisis – or debate his appeal on liberal television networks, he shows them up easily for the hypocrites they are.

By making idiotic grade school style comments in public?

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This is what a statement of anti-American hatred looks like. So….what would Joseph Massad recommend we do? Make America a communist state? Does he actually equate capitalism with white supremacy, ignoring that almost anyone, of any race, can become a business owner under capitalism? Didn't communist states in the 20th Century also commit atrocities like the mass extermination of Cambodians under Pol Pot or the aforementioned mass executions of Stalin? Why overlook those things and depict the communists as blameless heroes?

When you literally see no good in capitalism and no good in a country like America, you become the very monster you claim to oppose. You are willing to commit GENOCIDE.

Here's an actual example of an expression of white supremacy so you can see what that looks like, instead of the bullshit that Massad vomited:


#PoliceLivesMatter
#JamesShawJr #WaffleHouse
#ThinBlueLine
JAMES SHAW JR, 29, WAS ABLE TO OVERPOWER AND DISARM THE WAFFLE HOUSE SHOOTER WITH HIS BARE HANDS.
THINK ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME A LIBERAL TRIES TO TELL YOU THAT POLICE OFFICERS SHOULDN'T FEEL THREATENED BY AN "UNARMED" BLACK MAN.

So even when a black man does something heroic and saves the lives of strangers, police officers should feel justified in murdering unarmed blacks they happen to come across, right?

How is that any different from what Massad wrote about white, liberal Americans? Is this the madness that motivated the 9-11 terrorists of 2001?

BIGOTRY IS BIGOTRY, PERIOD!

Update: The original version of this blog entry had a much harsher title (Joseph Massad is a fuked up lunatic!), which caused Denis Giron to comment: "I'm not familiar with Massad, and I would refrain from using Wahaidesque

approaches in blog entries (e.g. F-bombs in place of a more cordial, academic tone)."

A short time later, he said, "Nima claims we have to "own" this and we have "blood" on our hands. No idea what he means, but he is welcome to elaborate here (note: little scared Nima won't let me comment on his threads, but I let him comment on mine)."

I replied: "And Azal won't let anyone comment on his YouTube videos either. But he does feel free to attack me on both my YouTube channel and my blog. Even while whining about being banned from the Exbahai subreddit."

Later, I added: "As Denis correctly noted, I messed up the blog entry's title. I'm usually a bit more professional, but something about that subject just disgusted me beyond description. Time to take out the trash."

Nathan Abookire said, "Actually this idea has merit. It would be funny to see Azal claim victory for the removal"

And he did!

https://wahidazal.blogspot.com/2020/05/dale-husband-defames-joseph-massad.html

The blog post Dale Husband deleted out of complete embarassment!

Defamation is only an issue if you lie about someone. I merely posted Massad's exact words and responded to them with my own arguments. That's NOT defamation, something Azal himself is notorious for.

And he must suck at mind reading because I was embarrassed about nothing. I merely responded to the constructive criticism of Giron.

I myself am highly critical of capitalism and American politics. I know America has done a lot of dishonorable things during and after the Cold War period. But Massad and Azal's approach is condemning all whites, all Americans, and all capitalists for the crimes of many of them. We are still individuals and the very essence of BIGOTRY is judging ALL members of any group as if they must be the same. As a matter of credibility, we must NEVER do that.

Of course, I expressed NO racism and no rightwing white fragility whatsoever. Azal's saying I did does not magically make what I said wrong. I oppose ALL racism, whatever it comes from and whoever it is aimed at. Massad and Azal just want to make an exception, to bash white people endlessly with terms that if aimed at ANY other race WOULD BE RACIST! The double standards they have are laughable. Just the fact that Massad is fixated on white people as the sole source of political evil in the world instead of tribalism in general discredits him forever, even as a professor of political science.

- *Racists* are a problem
- *White people* are not
- *Homophobes* are a problem
- *Straight people* are not
- *Transphobes* are a problem
- *Cis people* are not
- *Sexists* are a problem
- *Men* are not

And most importantly,

- *Hating an innocent person **solely** because of their race, sexuality, or gender makes you a fucking asshole*

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LOGIC FAIL IN A COMMENT

Someone made a comment below one of my oldest blog entries here and it ended up in my spam folder. I not only pulled it out of that folder and approved it, I wish to respond directly to it here to make sure that it gets maximum exposure, because I found it to be sheer nonsense! The original parts of the statement will be in *red italics* and my responses will be in **green bold**.

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2007/10/19/why-i-quit-the-baha%e2%80%99i-faith/#comment-3010

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Dear Dale.

Sorry, but unless you are writing a letter to me or you are a friend of mine, do not address me like this; it just looks silly to me.

When I look around me at nature or the stars and its order and complexity even down to the atom I cannot deny the existence of a God.

The argument from complexity was blown away by Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection, and the interaction of the known physical and chemical laws of nature can easily create the illusion of complexity. Your lack of imagination proves nothing.

Even when I see a very beautiful woman I know that it's impossible for us to ever have created such beauty not to mention the workings of the human mind.

Tell that to the makers of World of Warcraft, who have designed some very beautiful models of game characters. Are they gods?

So I easily accept we were fashioned and designed and powered by God and that with our random diversity we often make decisions against our best interests which cause us suffering and unhappiness. But as God has decided for us to be free agents He Himself has only chosen to be an advisor but left the hard choices up to us and given us the freedom to follow His Ways or ignore them.

It would make sense to deduce that God punishes people for their bad decisions if only people who made such decisions suffered from disasters, injuries, or diseases of any kind. What about completely innocent children who suffer and even die from such things? Is that why the early Christians came up with the absurdity of Original Sin? Or why a certain Hebrew writer came up with the long winded nonsense found in the book of Job?

To offer us a way to live happily and abundantly He sends Messengers from time to time with Infallible Guidance. We do not have to follow it. That is our choice as you have found. But for me and my life I personally would trust God on this as He created life and knows what He's doing and I acknowledge His Wisdom is far greater than mine and I have much more to gain by following His advice than mine.

How do you know what Messengers are really from God? How can you trust God at all when you cannot contact Him directly and he has to send Messengers? That is itself a severe limitation of God that destroys His credibility from the start. What you are really doing is following the advice and commandments of PEOPLE who claim to be Messengers of God. You have a mind of your own, why

not use it?

But in the end its a matter of knowing that we don't know everything and are in need of perfect knowledge that makes me bow down and worship the God Who created the universe and man and the human mind instead of assuming I know it all when I don't. Have I ever created even a speck of dust from emptiness or nothing? The person who can do these things has got my ears and heart and I take seriously what He says because He is All Powerful and All Knowing. So if He says that Baha'u'llah's mind and advice was perfect and infallible as well as the Universal House of Justice I trust Him Who created life itself and the universe on this one.

Humility is a wonderful thing to have, as long as it is had by EVERYONE involved. To me, no one is more arrogant than a person who claims to be a Messenger from God, who fails to prove himself. How do you know what is true and best? By seeing how claims measure up to reality. That's what science does. Religion does not and that is why it so often fails. Science has never even provided direct evidence for the existence of any god let alone the specific God of the Abrahamic religions. Until that is done, all the other issues in religion are pointless.

Everything in my home, every single item had a maker, a designer. So the universe and this world and man's complex mind and thought patterns just came out of an explosion and somehow randomly organised itself into complex intelligence?? No way!!

This is total ignorance about how both evolution and the Big Bang theory was supposed to have worked.

This issue is all about acknowledging and trusting in a God Who can create life and instill intelligence into it and trusting that He Knows what's best for us. Our ways where have they led us? Wars, bloodshed, unhappiness and misery. Widespread poverty and moral bankruptness.

Religion has caused plenty of wars, bloodshed, unhappiness, and misery as well. Too often it has been used as a tool of oppression and bigotry.

Whether we choose to follow them or not I find God's Ways far better than mans. He's urging us to love and unity while man is urging us to ignore these things and just go chasing after money and pleasures. In the end its OUR choice. If we choose to have a corrupt promiscuous world then God doesn't interfere He only offers us a better way. But if we don't want it we can choose to live in a world filled with corruption, greed, poverty, wars and hatred. If that's what we want God, as you see is not stopping us from having this hell. And we can have this hell for however long we want it. God is not interfering only offering a way out if we so choose.

It's not and can never be a strict either/or situation. We can find a path that deals strictly with reality and that produces a more decent society as well. But it will never be perfect whether we follow religions or not. Why? Because perfection is entirely a subjective construction of the human mind. In the real world, it does not exist!

The person who wrote the comment above should read all my other blog entries about the Baha'i Faith and about religion in general. I'm tired of the sheer stupidity of things like that.

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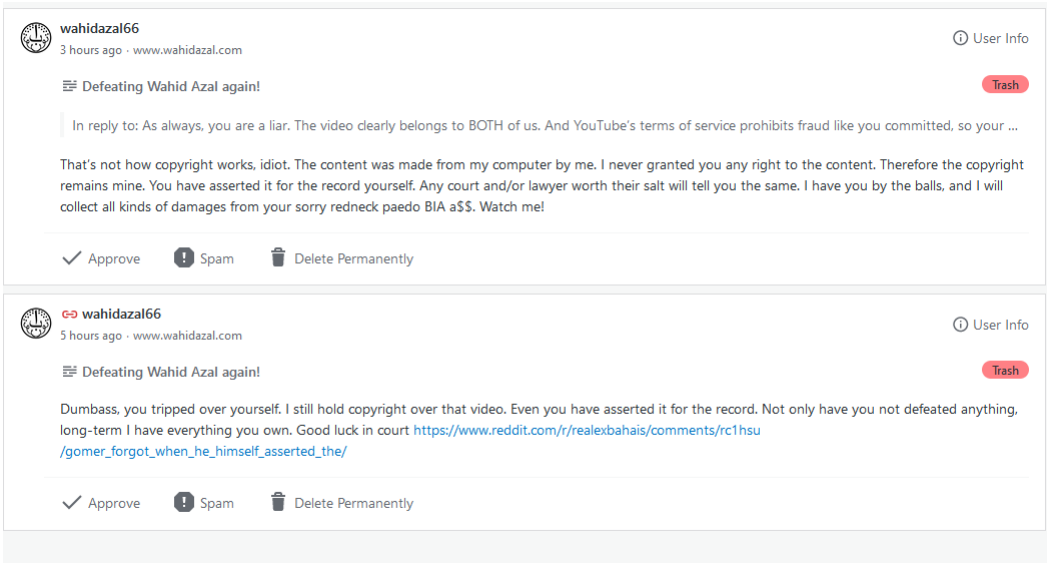
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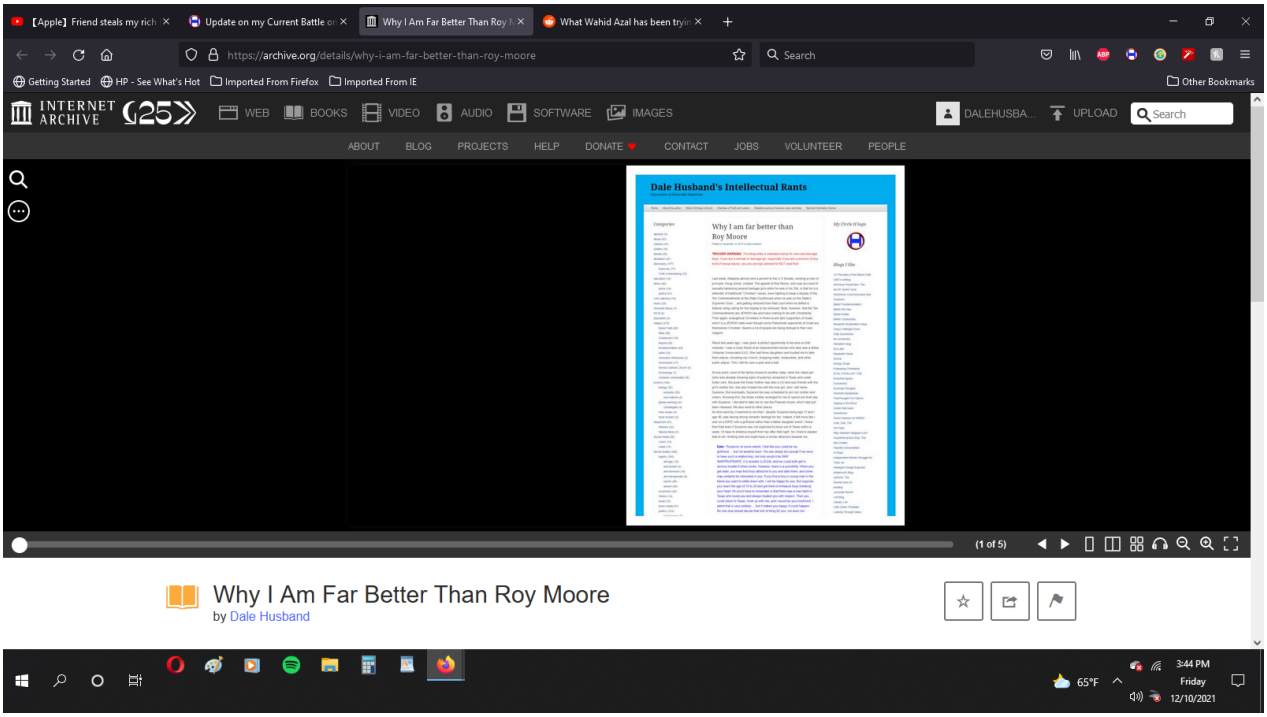
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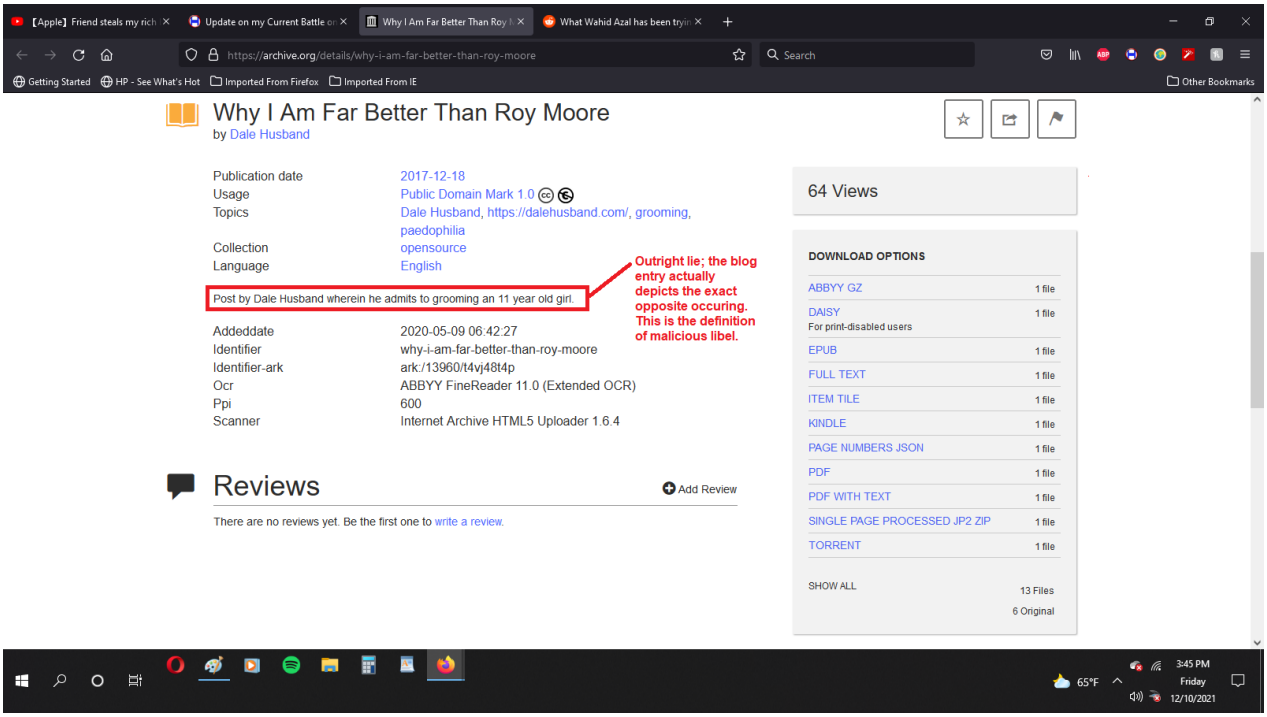
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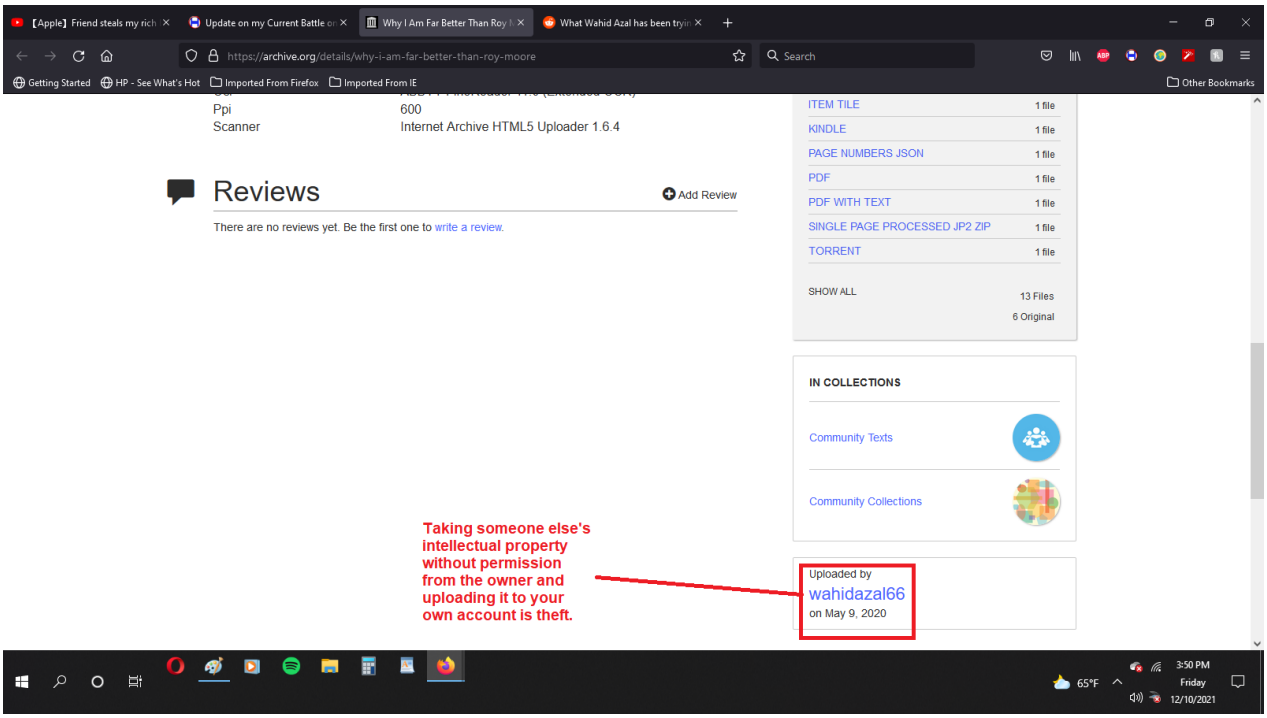
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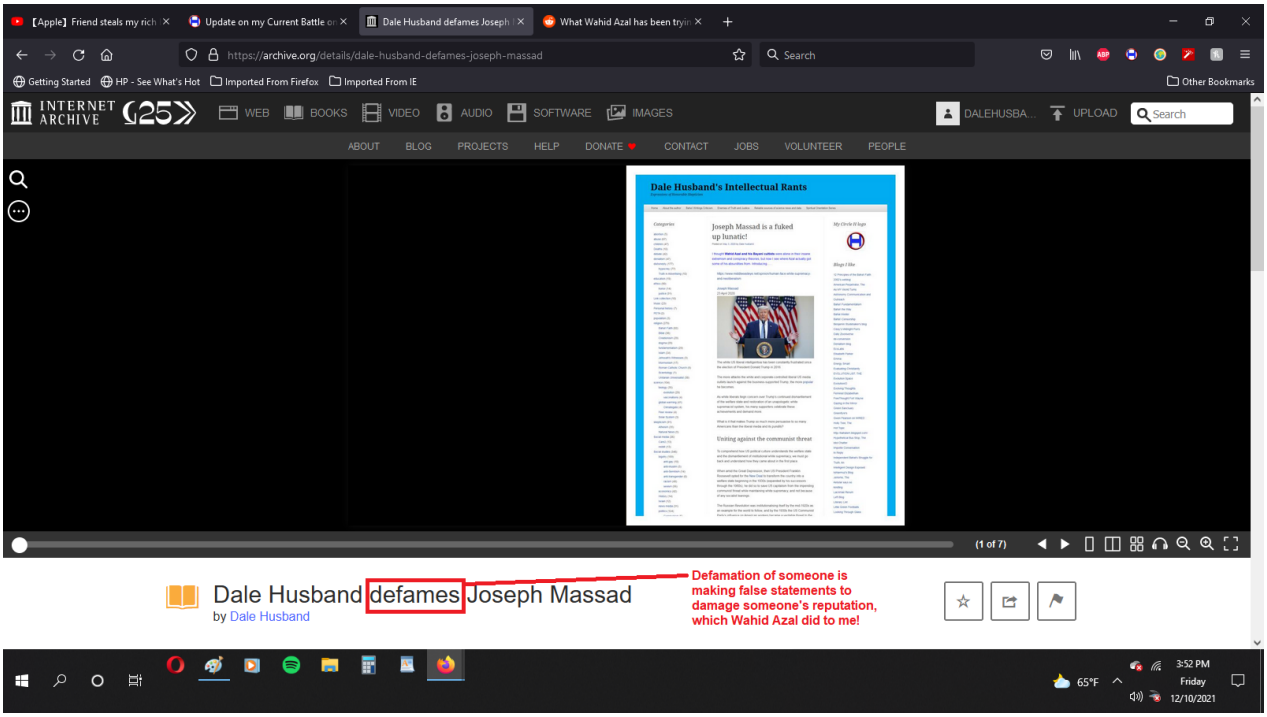
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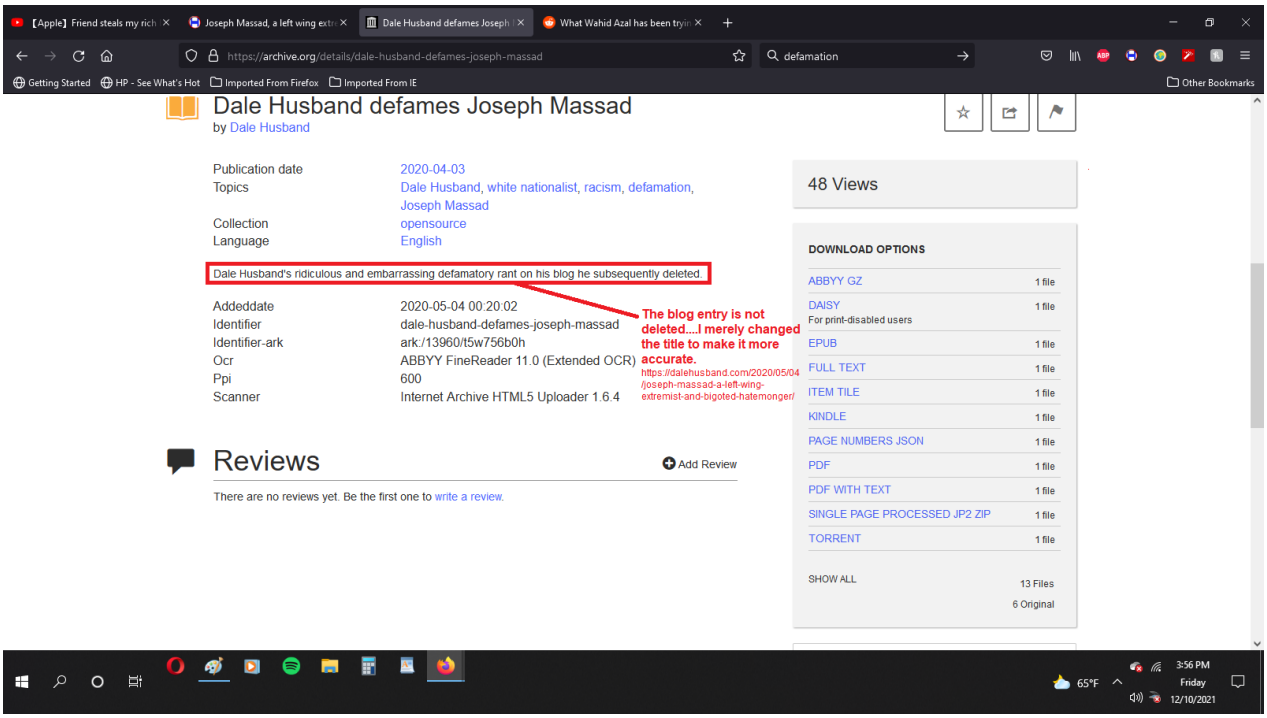

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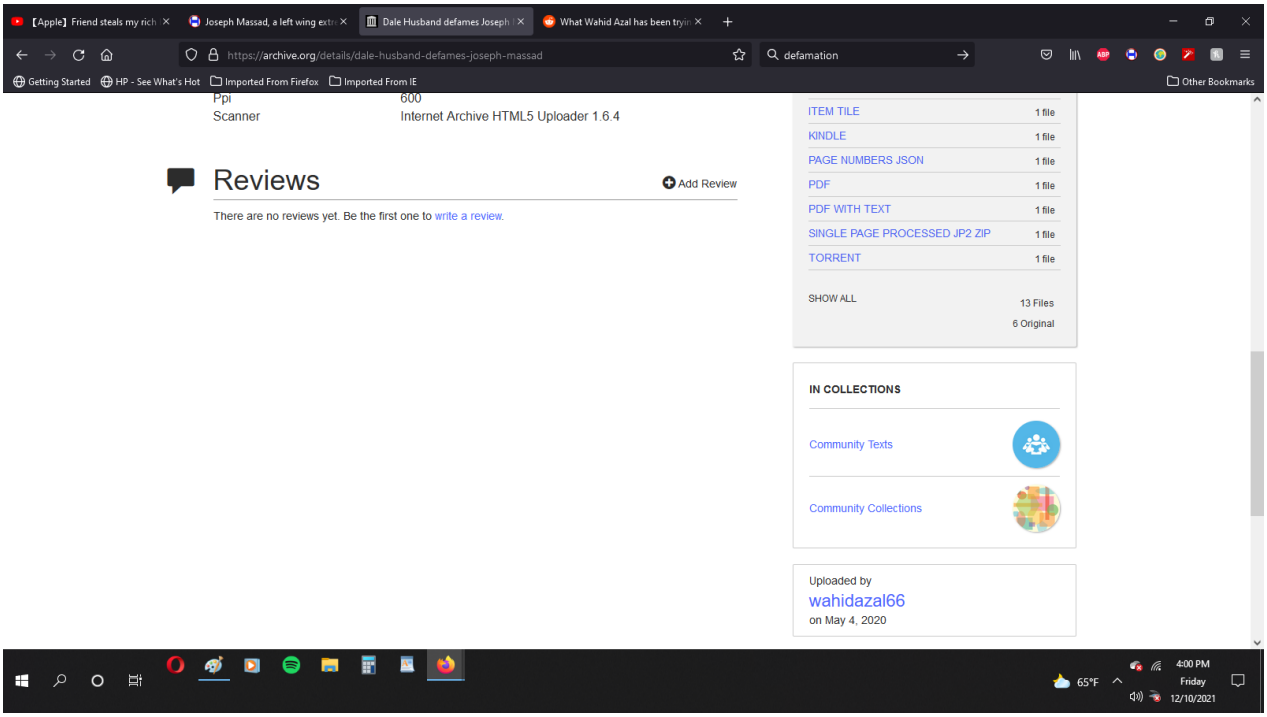


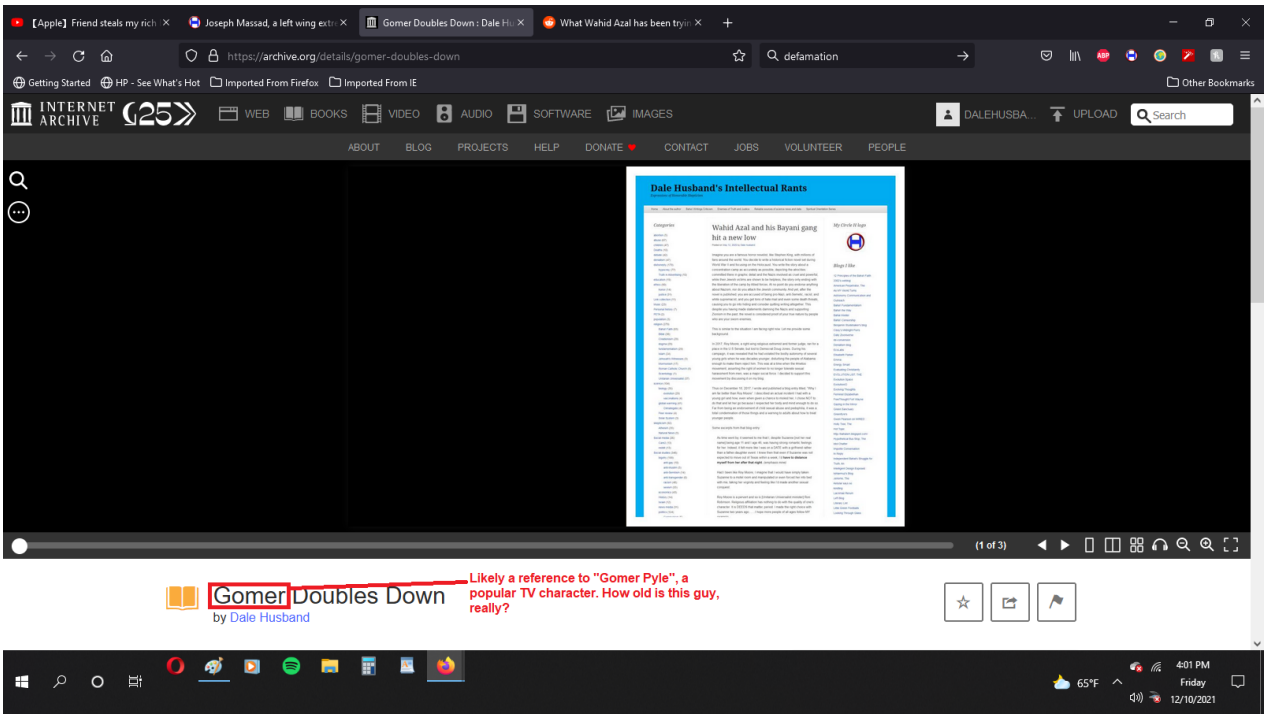
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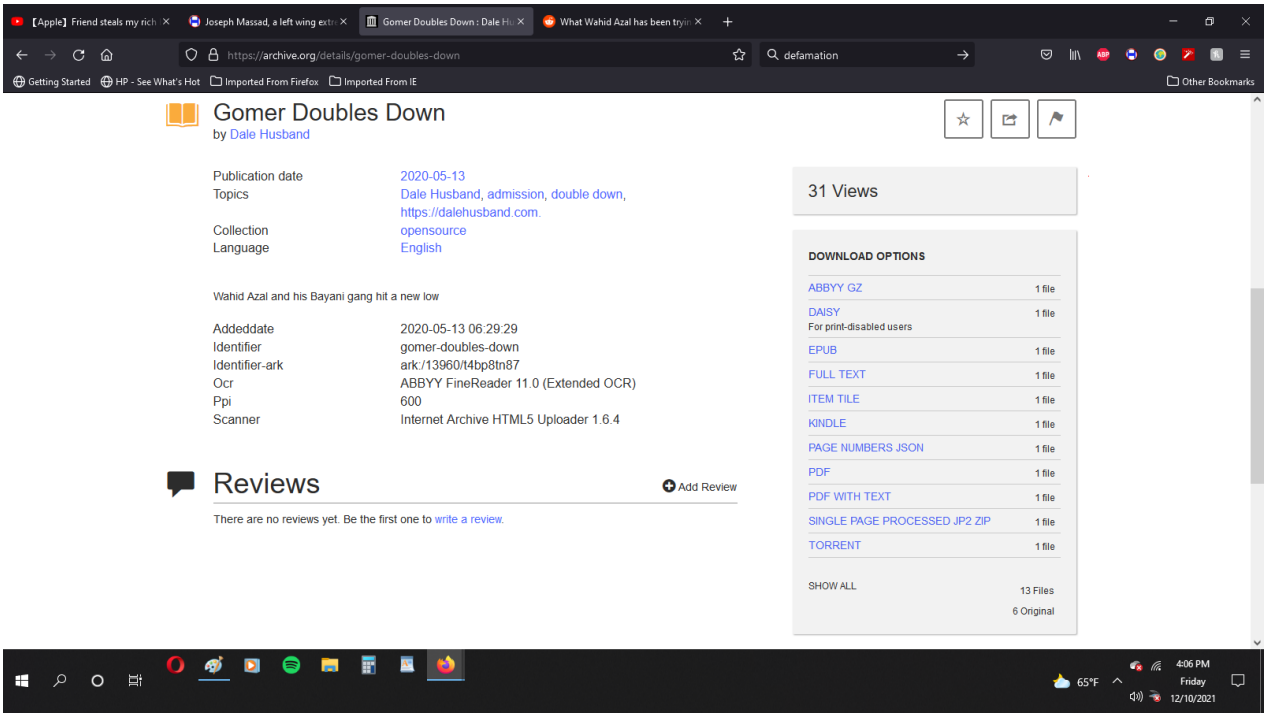
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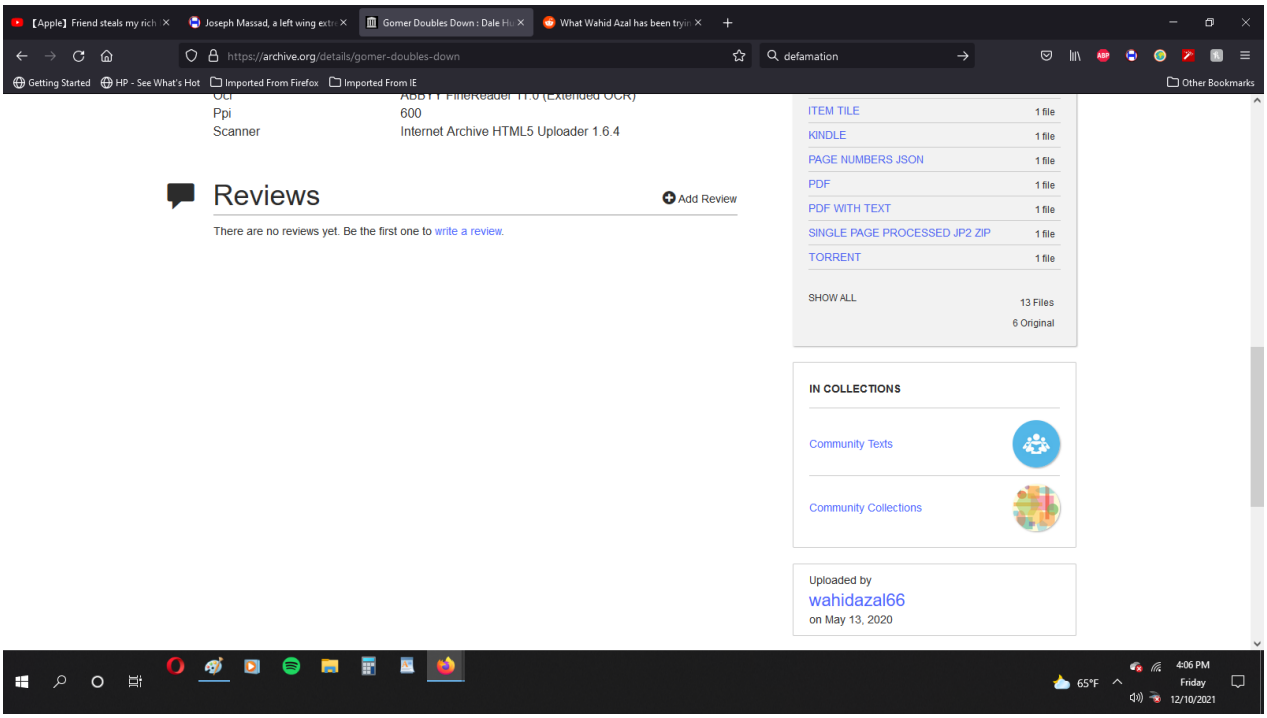
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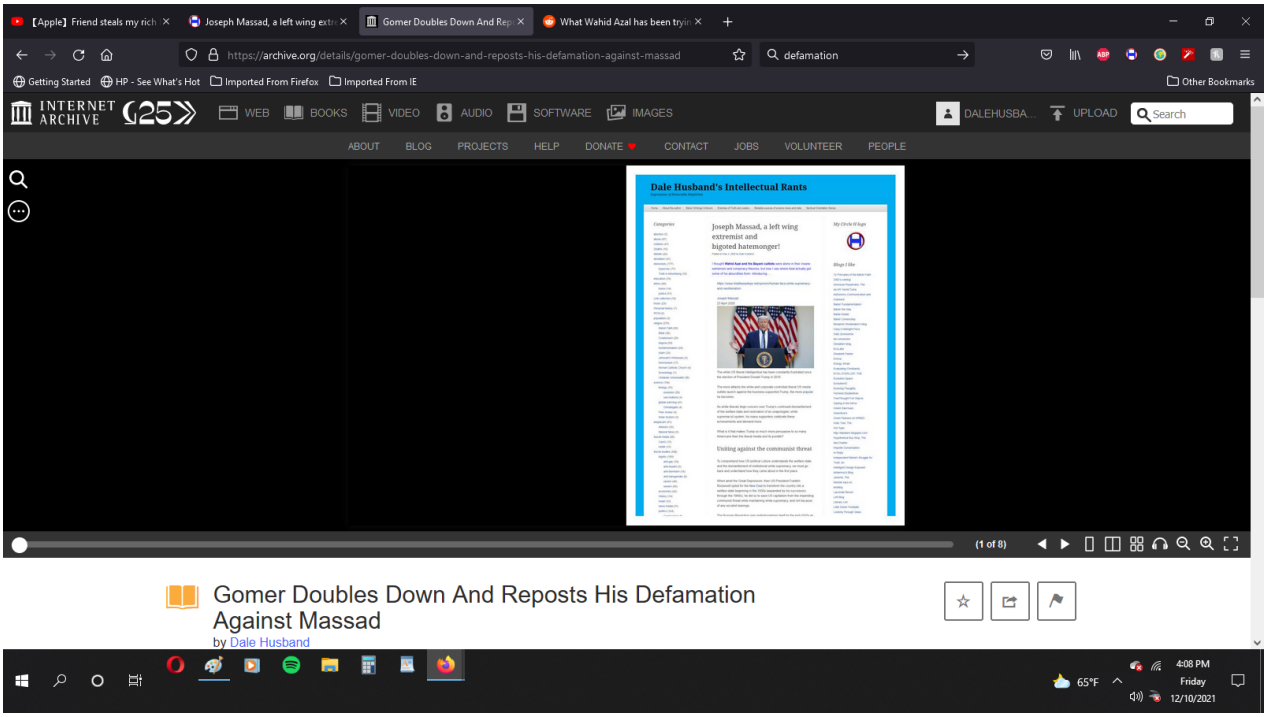

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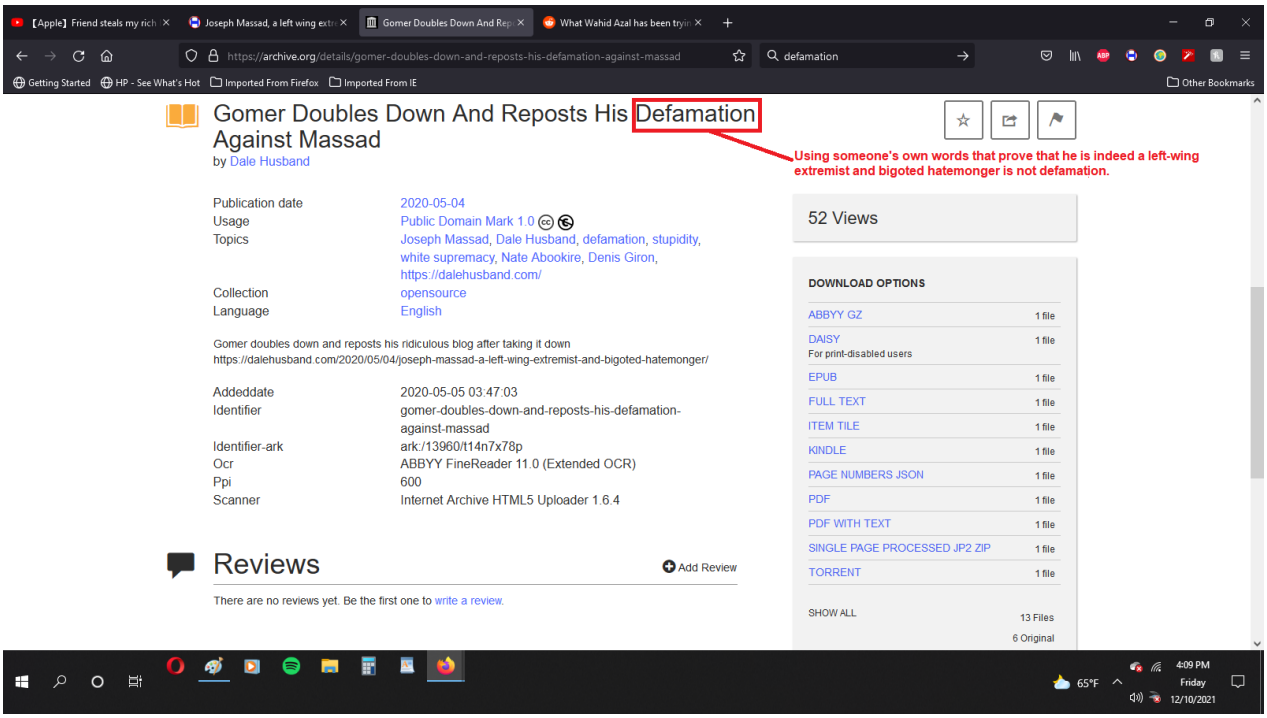

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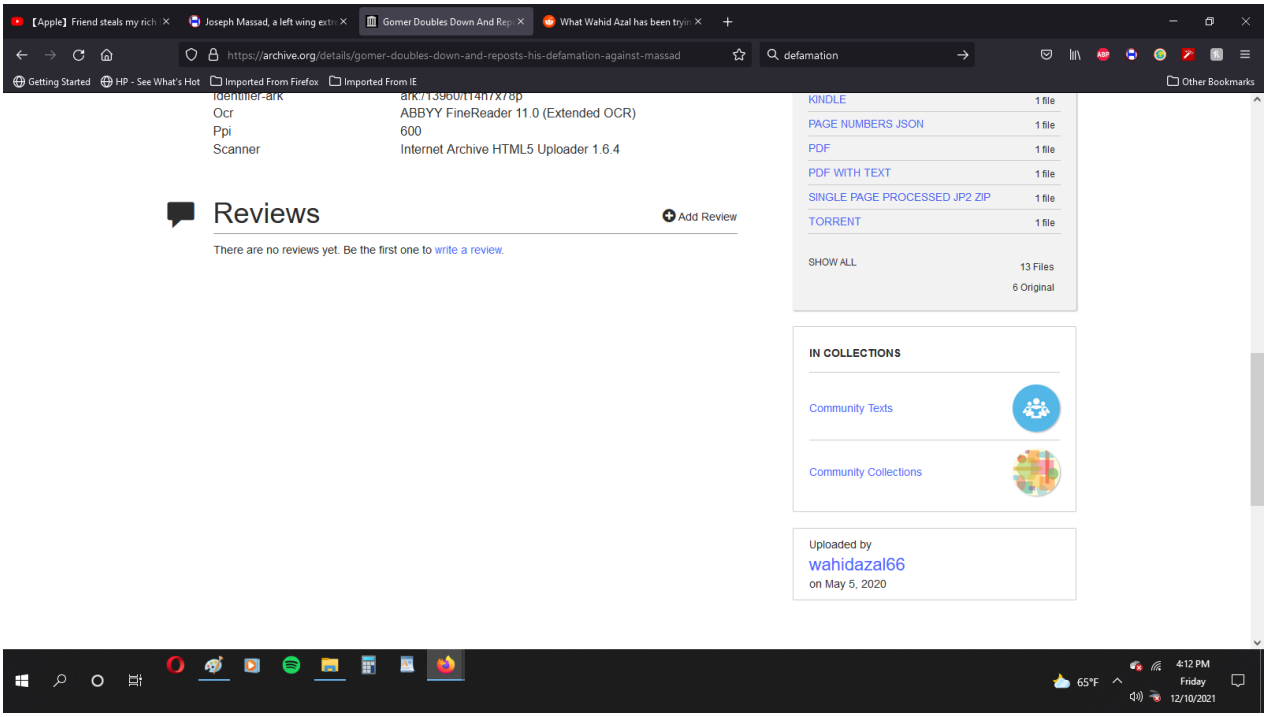

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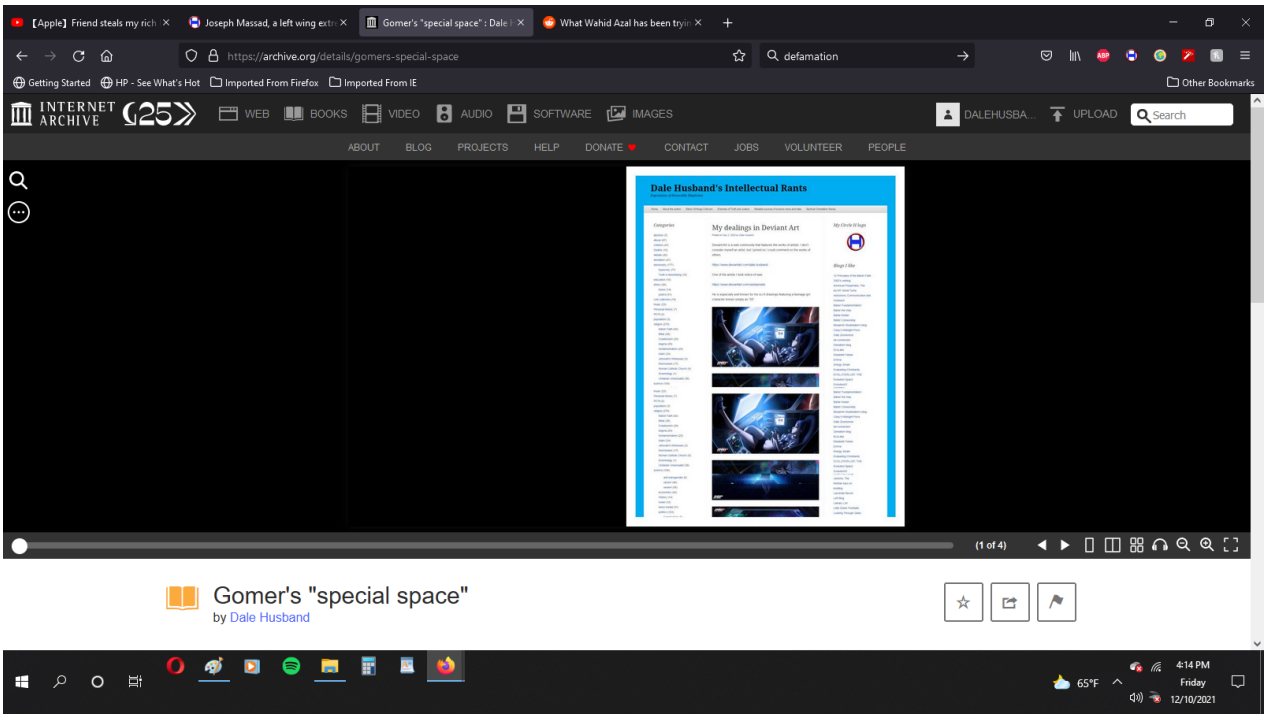

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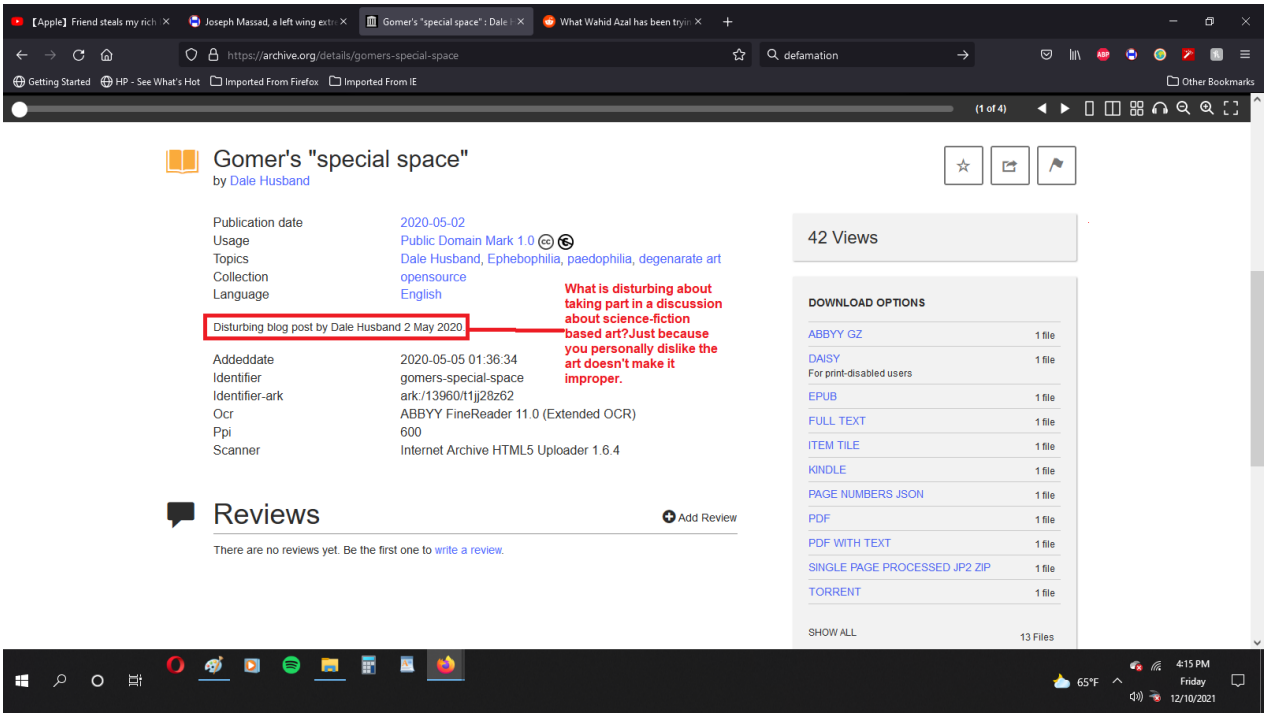

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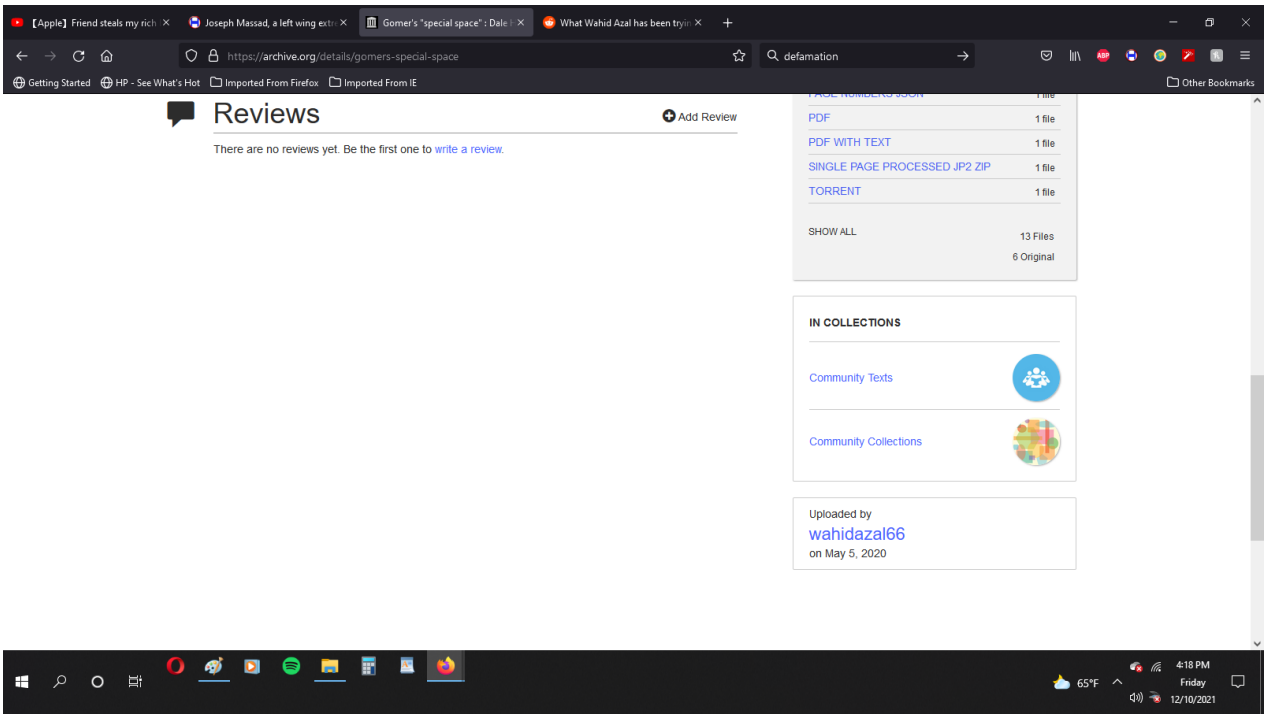

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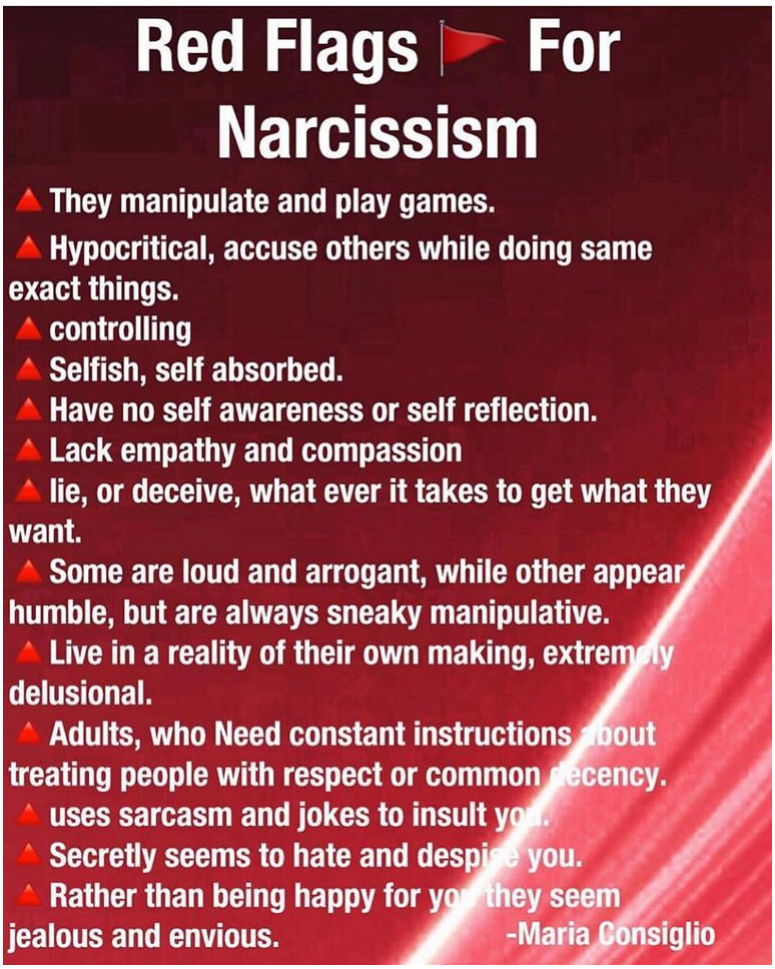

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So he steals my blog entries, posts copies of them on **HIS account in the Internet Archive**, misrepresents them to defame me, accuses me of defaming someone else, and finally claims as HIS property and not mine a podcast that is clearly mine too and files copyright claims to suppress the podcast in both **YouTube** and **Vimeo**, **violating my rights** as a copyright holder.

This meme sums up that asshole's totally depraved character:


Red Flags For Narcissism
They manipulate and play games.
Hypocritical, accuse others while doing same exact things.
controlling
Selfish, self absorbed.
Have no self awareness or self reflection.
Lack empathy and compassion
lie, or deceive, what ever it takes to get what they want.
Some are loud and arrogant, while other appear humble, but are always sneaky manipulative.
Live in a reality of their own making, extremely delusional.
Adults, who Need constant instructions about treating people with respect or common decency.
uses sarcasm and jokes to insult you.
Secretly seems to hate and despise you.
Rather than being happy for you they seem jealous and envious.
-Maria Consiglio

BTW, Vimeo gave me his address and phone number……and I will be looking for a lawyer to sue him over all he has done to me! It's finally time for that sociopath's abuse to end!

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MORE GASLIGHTING FROM WAHID AZAL AND HIS SIDEKICK, STEPHEN BEYER

After I posted my last blog entry, I got this comment on it.

> Another unfair suspension from reddit!

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2023/08/24/another-unfair-suspension-from-reddit/embed/#?secret=S4plrkM1QH#?secret=ZGJ6NlYPYA]

> *stephan paul beyer* says:
> August 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM
>
> dale. you seem to be obsessed with Wahid. when i watched your you tube teen girl cartoon videos it seemed you actually wanted to get killed by religious extremists. . .Is that redeemed martyr character supposed to be you (if he is not a stand in for the author what is his purpose in the story?)? it makes you seem like you are on a crusade to slander Wahid azal and want to provoke a response from members of the bayanic faith. have you ever considered TMS? It can be used to treat obsessive compulsive disorder. TMS helps me with tics from Tourette's and can help with a lot of different problems (many that you seem to suffer from) . i think it would be great if you would stop hurting yourself by your own actions. if you want to disagree with people of faith then have honest debate. please find a dr and therapist that can help you. Take better care of yourself. Please.

I addressed this nonsense directly

> **Look, Stephen…..you and Wahid are the ones who live constantly in your delusional fantasy world (and I'm not just referring to your being Bayanis or others being Baha'is; I don't care that much about PRIVATE religious beliefs as long as you LEAVE OTHERS THE HELL ALONE). Wahid was expelled from r/exbahai after he exposed himself (no pun intended) as far more of a liability than an asset to the exBaha'i cause. Credibility is everything to me and it is obvious to me that Wahid constantly makes up tons of totally baseless SHIT to get attention to himself, regardless of the damage he does to others or even himself! We simply can't have people like him who constantly engage in slander, libel, defamation and misrepresentation of me, the other mods of r/exbahai, or others. Because if we tolerate that……then we only give support to Baha'is who claim we of r/exbahai spread "misinformation" about their Faith…..because that's exactly what Wahid does for real! Since you keep supporting him, you are no better than him and you deserve the same fate as him. Goodbye and good riddance!**
>
> Making cheap shots at my creations is no way to have a discussion about them, asshole! You don't even bother linking to the specific videos you refer to, so FUK OFF!

And then I banned him.

Shortly after that, he and Wahid teamed up to defame me again. And in doing so, Wahid exposed his own ignorance about my past dealings with assholes like him on the internet.

r/FreeSpeechBahai

by

S-beyer

does anyone want to tell him?

Seeker_Alpha1701 via r/exbahai sent 2 months ago

show parent

this is like claiming Muhammad claimed to be Gabriel or Allah because The Prophet quotes what they say.

You've never read the Quran, have you? Can you show us where Muhammad said, "I am Allah" ?

No, you can't because the very idea of anyone, even a Messenger of God, claiming to be one with God himself is completely against Islam. That's an idea that came from (the Trinitarian version of) Christianity. No wonder u/investigator919 thought you were arguing in bad faith (pun intended) and banned you!

S-beyer

i mean i cant read arabic. i can only read translations. so he is correct that i have never read the quran. but its pretty clear he did not comprehend whatever he thought he read. and perhaps only read commentary dismissing islam as a fundamentalist religion. he is so clueless that it hurts to even try to understand his viewpoint to refute it.

S-beyer

The Qurʾān generally styles itself as divine speech by employing the first person singular or plural ("I" or "we") in statements that clearly refer to the Deity. However, this divine voice alternates with third-person statements about God. Utterances by Muhammad are normally introduced by the command "Say:...," thus emphasizing that the Prophet is speaking on divine injunction only. https://www.britannica.com/topic/Quran

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WahidAzal491

Gomer's IR handlers have convinced him that theopathic claims are somehow unique to Babism and bahaism when it is actually at the core foundation of Islam itself, arguably expressly articulated within the Quran, and specifically and especially in Shiism, not to mention Sufism. These handlers are already bad faith actors misleading everyone as to their true agenda, but with Gomer they have so led him down the garden path in unbelievable ways that every time he puts finger to keyboard he reveals a little more of his ignorance. The fact that he comes from a Southern Baptist Protestant background doesn't help matters either.

S-beyer

https://dalehusband.com/enemies-of-truth-and-justice/ how do i get on this list? i want to be an enemy of what he considers to be truth and what he considers justice. . .

WahidAzal491

We've already made it on his list. Look at the bottom. The guy is so obsessed and unhinged he is doing us the service with his published rants. I've actually had people come to me after encountering his blog and tell me Dale is our best promoter yet, since there is no publicity like bad publicity, and once people carefully look at his rants and conniptions it just proves the opposite of what he says and gives us the credibility instead. So as the great Persian saying has it, "*the enemy shall be the cause of good*,"

عدو سبب خیر شود

Furthermore, since Gomer is a terrible student of history, if he had only bothered to research a little bit about other individuals who have entangled with me on the same level as he has – like Paul Andrew Hammond once did – he would quickly discover that it never ends well for them. But he can't believe that and has never encountered something like me before, so his obsessive-compulsion born from utter frustration just augments and accentuates from one day to the next and thereby plays into my hands until one fine day – just like Hammond before him – his balloon of hot air pops with a bang and permanently puts him in his place! I suspect this may have already happened to DBO on some level as well since he is hardly here anymore.

Wow! Where do I start?

First, I have seen enough episodes of the YouTube channel Apple Texts and other such channels over the past year to know that such blatant lies those two are telling about me, my blog and Islam must be rejected for the gaslighting they are. There is NO case in Islam of any genuine Prophet of God identifying himself as being the same as Allah's essence. That is the very definition of blasphemy. Just because the early Christians came up with the Trinity to depict Jesus as being the same as "God the Son" doesn't make it acceptable in any other religion. Islam explicitly rejects the Trinity and the Deity of Jesus or any other Messenger of God, full stop! Even the term "Manifestation of God" used by Baha'is to refer to Baha'u'llah, Jesus, Muhammad and other Messengers of God is foreign to Islam. Even as an atheist, I have enough respect for Islam not to misrepresent the religion and its teachings about Allah and His Messengers. Note that Wahid never showed a direct quote from the Quran to support his lies.

Second, I have indeed dealt with narcissists, abusers and pathological liars like Wahid Azal before. I have seen the incredible amount of damage they can do if left unchecked, so maybe that explains my "obsession" with Wahid Azal now.

https://dalehusband.com/2017/04/16/another-reason-to-despise-michael-shermer/

Many years ago, I was a member of a web community called Care2, which was made to provide a place for liberals, progressives, and environmentalists to gather together and coordinate their efforts for their chosen causes. Sadly, many right-wingers, conservatives, and others opposed to liberals invaded that community and disrupted it over the years, claiming they were promoters of "free speech". And the ringleader of those attackers

was Jeffery Williams, who was almost exactly like Donald Trump in that he was narcissistic, arrogant and totally dishonest and treacherous. And he was also an ATHEIST. Williams finally was banned from Care2 and is now in prison for abusing homeless men for perverted entertainment purposes, but the damage to Care2 as a social site was already done.

Which eventually led to this:
https://dalehusband.com/2019/07/29/the-final-downfall-of-care2-is-coming/

And what happened to Jeffery Williams eventually?

https://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/criminal/two-to-be-sentenced-in-shefightsnet-fetish-beating-videos/2176069/

A judge gave prison sentences on Monday to two people behind an internet fetish video that showed a mentally disabled man being kicked and beaten.

Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Keith Meyer sentenced Shefights.net producer and entrepreneur Jeffery Williams, 61, to seven years in prison. He gave performer Zuzu Vargo, 27, roughly three years in prison, plus three years' probation.

Both defendants apologized in court. Vargo, in tears, said she did not know the man she was punching and kicking in the video was mentally impaired. She said others checked the men out before making the videos.

But, she said, "I shouldn't have trusted the judgment of someone else. ... I'm so sorry for all the trauma and distress."

Williams also professed ignorance to the victim's mental condition and said it was a key principle within the bondage-sadomasochism community that nobody inflicts more pain than a person wants to receive.

"We're not in the business of hurting people ... we're in the business of a fantasy enactment for a certain subset of the population." Williams added that, "I deeply regret the pain and the anguish that we caused."

But Assistant State Attorney Susan St. John said the victim's mental condition would have been obvious to Williams and Vargo. As an example of his functioning, she quoted the man's explanation for why he's scared of police: "Because they have guns and hats."

Judge Meyer also said it was clear the man had a disability. According to evidence presented in court, the man was schizophrenic and off his medicine. He had left his group home, gotten lost for a month, stayed around Williams Park in St. Petersburg and eventually got recruited to appear in the Shefights video for about $50.

"I find it completely incredible that you would not have picked up within the first few seconds ... how substantially he was impaired," Meyer said.

And that, he said, made it a crime. He said if the victim had been a consenting adult, "we wouldn't even be here today. Because people get to do what they want in this country."

"I'm not passing judgment on your lifestyle one bit," he added.

Vargo's attorney Daniel Hernandez asked for a sentence below state guidelines, saying she had a dual diagnosis of substance abuse problems and mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depression.

Meyer would not go below the guidelines but gave her less time than Williams: slightly more than three years in

> prison, plus three years of probation. During her probation, she must get mental health treatment.
>
> The victim was not in court.
>
> Prosecutors on Monday showed the video, although the judge already had seen it. The victim groaned and grunted as Vargo punched him in the ribs and face. He fell to the ground and she punched him more. She kicked him as well.
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> The sentencing on Monday follows a trial in December in which Williams and Vargo were convicted of aggravated abuse of a disabled adult, a first-degree felony with a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison. The sentencing completes that case, but it's not the end for the two. They both face similar charges in a separate, pending case with a different victim.

And of course, there is the case of Donald Trump, who, along with many others, have finally been indicted for their crimes against America. His Presidency did a lot of damage to this country and its people, because of his own bigotries and of those who supported him. And he belongs in prison and certainly not in the White House ever again!

And what about yet another narcissist who has done incredible amounts of damage to others, iilluminaughtii? Like Azal, she constantly represents herself as an activist against corruption and for justice. But she is corrupt herself. Like Azal, she is a planet-sized hypocrite. I am not afraid of Trump, Jeffery Williams, iilluminaughtii, or Wahid Azal. They ALL should be stubbornly opposed by people who know what they have done and can do.

> A case of GASLIGHTING and how to respond to it.
> by inexbahai

Finally, I googled the name "Paul Andrew Hammond" and found listings that say he died in December 2022. He was also listed as a police detective in San Antonio, Texas. Wahid Azal claimed he was a child pornographer about 14 years ago. How convenient for Azal that he can gloat over defeating this man now that he is dead, eh? #coward

But I'm still alive and as long as I live, I will hold that monster and his idiot followers accountable for their bullshit. That's what an ethical person does, period.

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MY BATTLE ON AMAZON WITH A HAIFAN BAHA'I

This blog entry is a direct sequel to this earlier one: **A Lost History of the Baha'i Faith**

The book was put up for sale on Amazon.com, and just as I and Eric Stetson expected, Haifan Baha'is took notice of it and proceeded to attack it, even without bothering to read its contents.

http://www.amazon.com/Lost-History-Bahai-Faith-Progressive/dp/0692331352/ref=cm_cr_arp_d_product_top?ie=UTF8

Biased History-Perverted History

By **Karl Weaver** on July 13, 2015

This is NOT a good history of the Baha'i Faith. It is a very biased history. This would be comparable of the history of the message of Jesus Christ written by Judas Iscariot or by Caiaphas, the Jewish priest who organized His death sentence.
If you REALLY want a good and well authenticated history of the Baha'i Faith, you should try "Baha'u'llah & the New Era" by John Esslemont, a British citizen, or "God Passes By" by Shoghi Effendi, the grandson of the founder, who was educated
at Oxford with a particular interest in history.

The other reviewers comments are appreciated, as they clearly ...

By **Another customer** on May 8, 2015

The other reviewers comments are appreciated, as they clearly explain why this book has been written to attack the Baha'i Faith, by those who who not keep God's covenant. There are hundreds of other books at Amazon which give a fair, accurate, and interesting perspective of the Baha'i faith.

My own review of the book, after I DID order and read parts of it, was as follows:

Tells the other side of the Baha'i story

By **Dale Husband** on June 22, 2015

Verified Purchase

As a former Baha'i, I was very excited to learn about the writing of this book, having been friends with the editor Eric Stetson for years. I knew nothing about the descendants of Baha'u'llah who were excommunicated from the religious community founded by their own ancestor except for the hateful, bigoted claims written about them by the propaganda writers who work for the mainstream Baha'i cult based in Haifa, Israel. At last, this book tells the other side of the story, about how those descendants were falsely labeled "covenant-breakers" when in fact they were the ones who insisted that ALL the provisions of Baha'u'llah's Will and Testament (called the Book of the Covenant) be upheld. That Will made Baha'u'llah's eldest son Abdu'l-Baha leader of the Faith, but also stated that the younger half brother Muhammad Ali (father of the book's author) would be Abdu'l-Baha's successor, not Shoghi Effendi as Abdu'l-Baha would proclaim in his own Will and Testament a generation later. By doing this, Abdu'l-Baha exalted himself above his father. So who actually broke the Baha'i Covenant? If Baha'is really believe in the independent investigation of truth, they will look at this book for themselves.

This infuriated a Haifan Baha'i named Rob Jenkins, who then made a comment on my review, resulting in a lengthy debate between us. His comments will be in *red and italics* while mine will be in **green and bold**.

The editor of "A Lost History of the Baha'i Faith ...", Eric Stetson, is himself a former Baha'i. According to Moojan Momen, a sociology-of-religion scholar and Baha'i, in his paper, "Marginality and Apostasy" (2007), Stetson had been a Baha'i for only four years, from 1998-2002, and, to use the sociology-of-religion terminology, he is an apostate — meaning one who attacks his/her former religion or its authorities, dedicating many years of his/her life to mounting and maintaining a relentless attack; often such individuals can't get past their disappointment with the religion and just move on with their lives. This phenomenon is found in most, if not all, religions: there are former Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, etc., who engage in such apostate activities.

Experts in the fields of sociology of religion and religious studies state that, from a psychological perspective, such people are very much like individuals who get divorced and, even though they have been divorced from their former spouse for many years, can't let go; they spend tremendous amounts of time and emotional energy bewailing to their listeners the failings of and injuries done to them by their former spouse, grinding continuously on all the former spouse's failings — actual and perceived. In both types of situation — former religion, former marriage — such people engage in distortion of the actual situation, ascribing all sorts of misdeeds and sinister motives behind the putative actions of the target of their negative campaign.

Judging by statements of sociology-of-religion scholars who have researched marginal and apostate activity associated with the Baha'i Faith occurring over the last several decades, Stetson, during the last year of his membership in the Baha'i Faith, became what sociology-of-religion scholars refer to as a "marginal" — a member of the religion who sits on the fringes and criticizes and agitates for change in the religion. To quote from Momen's paper: "Eric Stetson ... was a Bahá'í for four years (1998-2002). By 2001, he had become a marginal Bahá'í (he states he had doubts about the authoritarian nature of the Bahá'í administration and about the issue of the leadership). By the end of that year, he was claiming prophethood for himself and setting up a website ... where in early 2002, he published `The Book of Restoration' with nineteen points for the reformation of the Bahá'í Faith. He also announced the setting up of the Alliance for the Reform of the Bahá'í Faith, a group that appears never to have come into existence. Later in the same year, he became a Christian, founding his own sect, Christian Universalism. He then altered his website dedicating it to discrediting the Bahá'í Faith and converting Bahá'ís to Christianity (Stetson, 2006; Stetson, 2001)."

I've been a Baha'i for over forty years, and have read accounts of some of the relentless polemics of some former Baha'is, and I can honestly say that I can't recognize the religion that has been portrayed in such accounts: I've found such accounts to be a mixture of distorted facts and pure fantasy; many of them are, in fact, malicious attacks bent on distorting the image of the Baha'i Faith in an attempt to dissuade others from investigating it with an unbiased mind. Above all, the characterization of the Baha'i administration as "authoritarian" is an absolute fabrication.

As for the book, "A Lost History of the Baha'i Faith", the contents are not lost; they're merely a different "perspective" on the period in question. The book is a presentation of the account by Shu'a'ullah (son of Muhammad-Ali, a half-brother of `Abdu'l-Baha), about members of Baha'u'llah's family who were cast out from the religion after the castoffs' leaders — Mirza Muhammad-Ali, Badi'u'llah, as well as Shu'a'ullah, Jamal-i-Burujirdi, Mirza Aqa Jan, etc. — had attempted to subvert the Will and Testament of Baha'u'llah (the Kitab-i-Ahd: Book of the Covenant); this document had appointed Baha'u'llah's eldest son, `Abdu'l-Baha as the leader of the Baha'i community and the lone authorized official interpreter of Baha'i scripture. Muhammad-Ali, et al., made numerous attempts to rest the leadership of the Baha'i Faith from `Abdu'l-Baha, but they failed because the vast majority of the contemporary membership of the Baha'i Faith saw them as the envious, embittered and power-hungry wretches that they were. Muhammad-Ali had disqualified himself as a successor to `Abdu'l-Baha when, out of his overarching jealously toward his older half-brother, he

continuously and tirelessly worked to subvert `Abdu'l-Baha's legitimate leadership; such activity violated both the provisions of Baha'u'llah's will, and the very spirit contained therein and in all of His Writings. Muhammad-Ali's actions left `Abdu'l-Baha no choice but to excommunicate him and his co-conspirators, thereby disqualifying Muhammad-Ali as a potential candidate to succeed `Abdu'l-Baha.

The contents of "A Lost History" present the last-gasp effort by Shu'a'ullah, Muhammad-Ali's son, to recast the incidents in question in a light favorable to his castoff family's claims. But, in so doing, this book gives short shrift to accounts from the other side of the dispute by those who were eyewitnesses to the entire affair, as well as to the court records that document the case. Hence, there is a decided lack of balance.

The principle of "the independent investigation of truth" may well be served by reading "A Lost History ...", but the former Baha'is responsible for editing this book and those who advocate reading it would do well to follow their own advice and search more deeply into the universally-recognized (by knowledgeable Baha'is, at least) authentic annals of the history of the Baha'i Faith: I particularly recommend Adib Taherzadeh's works, "The Revelation of Baha'u'llah" (in 4 volumes), and especially "The Covenant of Baha'u'llah"; the latter lays out in detail the full episode of the machinations of Muhammad-Ali and his siblings and allies. After such reading, one would surely be in a better position to assess how "balanced" the material in "A Lost History" actually is.

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If you ever actually read Baha'u'llah's Will and Testament (The Book of the Covenant), then you would know that his commandments regarding Mirza Muhammad Ali were absolute, NOT provisional. So the depiction of Mirza Muhammad Ali as a covenant breaker by the propaganda writers of the mainstream Baha'i Faith actually discredits Baha'u'llah himself!

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I've not only read the Kitab-i-`Ahd, I've read it many times, I've also read the Will and Testament of `Abdu'l-Baha several times.

Everything that the Manifestation of God says about an individual is provisional; it stays in effect only so long as that individual's future conduct retains the qualities which prompted Him to so characterize that person. There were at least two Letters of the Living who rebelled against Baha'u'llah, though they were lauded by the Bab for their spiritual attainments; they subsequently threw that all away by refusing to recognize that Baha'u'llah is the Man Yuzhiruhu'llah, "Him Whom God shall make Manifest". Christ appointed Judas Iscariot as one of His apostles, and yet, for all His infallible wisdom and insight, Judas literally sold his Lord out to the Sanhedrin.

Mirza Muhammad-Ali repeatedly violated Baha'u'llah's Covenant by rebelling and intriguing against `Abdu'l-Baha; he repeatedly attempted to incite the Ottoman authorities against `Abdu'l-Baha with absolute lies about what He was doing and what He was about. Mirza Muhammad-Ali also attempted to turn the entire Baha'i community against `Abdu'l-Baha by sending libelous letters to various Baha'is and individual Baha'i communities. Yet the Baha'i community as a whole knew the character of Mirza Muhammad-Ali versus that of `Abdu'l-Baha; they knew that the former was a louse and the latter a saint. This is not "propaganda" by the "mainstream Baha'i Faith" — the only Baha'i Faith there is (the tiny ephemeral splinter groups notwithstanding); this is fully documented and available to any scholar who is willing to put in the time and effort to research this subject, who knows the original languages, and who doesn't have an ideological ax to grind.

There are numerous scholars — Baha'i and non-Baha'i — who have extensively researched this period in Baha'i history. One need only read their works to understand how shallow and corrupt Mirza Muhammnad-Ali and his brother, Badi'u'llah, were, and how motivated they were by a thirst for power within the Baha'i community and for money — especially money.

Mirza Muhammad-Ali's right to succeed `Abdu'l-Baha as leader of the Baha'i Faith was made provisional by Baha'u'llah on the former's full submission to the authority of `Abdu'l-Baha as the Center of the Covenant. Because Muhammad-Ali so thoroughly dedicated every waking moment to trying to undermine `Abdu'l-Baha's authority and position as Baha'u'llah's legitimate appointed successor, and by trying to have `Abdu'l-Baha exiled or executed by the Ottoman authorities, he demonstrated his unworthiness as a potential successor to `Abdu'l-Baha, and brought upon himself his own excommunication from the Baha'i Faith and his designation as a covenant-breaker.

The descendants of Mirza Muhammad-Ali today have tried to characterize the station of Baha'u'llah as that of a mere Muslim holy man; anyone who has read the writings of Baha'u'llah knows that He claimed to be nothing less than God's latest Manifestation, the newest Point of Revelation. Muhammad-Ali's descendants, at least to the rest of the world outside of their family, identify themselves as Muslims. These are the people whom Stetson has tried to present as unimpeachable authorities on the history of the Baha'i Faith. The integrity and honor of Muhammad-Ali and his partisans, as the historical record shows, is demonstrably and thoroughly lacking.

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Assertions prove nothing.

"Everything that the Manifestation of God says about an individual is provisional; it stays in effect only so long as that individual's future conduct retains the qualities which prompted Him to so characterize him."
Unfounded assumption. If Baha'u'llah had included a warning to Mirza Muhammad Ali to submit himself totally to Abdu'l-Baha or else he would be deprived of the right to succeed his brother, you would be correct. He didn't, so you just lied.

"There were at least two Letters of the Living who rebelled against Baha'u'llah, though they were lauded by the Bab for their spiritual attainments;"
Who were they?

"There are numerous scholars — Baha'i and non-Baha'i — who have thoroughly researched this period in Baha'i history."
Who were some of the non-Baha'i ones?

"The descendants of Mirza Muhammad-Ali today have tried to characterize the station of Baha'u'llah as that of a mere Muslim holy man;"

Do you have statements directly from them claiming this?

You can write an entire novel of baseless claims and rhetoric defending your corrupt and failed religion, but without empirical evidence of any kind, you give us NOTHING of substance. You hypocrites really need to grow up or you will be laughed at forever!

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Baseless claims, eh? All the documentation in the world won't convince someone emotionally wedded to

his/her own embittered position and won't let go. And personal abuse is the fallback of those who have nothing to back up their emotionally charged assertions but more of their own baseless claims and assertions.

"A Lost History ..." consists of the assertions of one embittered man relating the narrative of his family who played fast and loose with the rules of a game they themselves concocted and went down in the flames of their own creation. Instead of moving on, they insisted on crying about their losses; poor babies — they did it to themselves! Meanwhile, there are the memoirs of numerous faithful Baha'is who were the contemporaries of Muhammad-Ali — e.g., Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, Ustad Muhammad-Aliy-i-Salmani, et al. — who have given their side of the story, but people like Eric Stetson completely ignore their testimonies to concentrate on one person whose narratives don't stand up under the scrutiny of solid historical research.

That being said, let's look at the testimony of Baha'u'llah in the Kitab-i-`Ahd:

"The aim of this Wronged One ... hath been naught but to quench the flame of hate and enmity, that the horizon of the hearts of men may be illumined with the light of concord and attain real peace and tranquility. ... God hath forgiven what is past. Henceforward everyone should utter that which is meet and seemly, and should refrain from slander, abuse and whatever causeth sadness in men." [Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p 219f]

Muhammad-Ali broke this standard in spades; His stock in trade had been "... slander, abuse and whatever causeth sadness in men", as I've pointed out in my previous two posts, thereby violating the laws which Baha'u'llah had so clearly laid out.

"Conflict and contention are categorically forbidden in His Book. This is a decree of God in this Most Great Revelation. It is divinely preserved from annulment and is invested by Him with the splendour of His confirmation." [p 221]

As I stated previously, contention and conflict were part and parcel of Muhammad-Ali's modus operandi with regard to his opposition to `Abdu'l-Baha's appointment by Baha'u'llah as sole legitimate leader of the Baha'i Faith and its body of avowed adherents. I need not rehash what I stated about Muhammad-Ali's activities made in my previous posts.

"It is incumbent upon everyone to aid those daysprings of authority and sources of command who are adorned with the ornament of equity and justice. Blessed are the rulers and learned among the people of Baha." [Ibid.]

This is, of course, a reference to the learned members of the Baha'i community, but the One who is at the top of the "learned among the people of Baha" is none other than the sole authorized official interpreter of Baha'u'llah's teachings, `Abdu'l-Baha. Far from aiding `Abdu'l-Baha, Muhammad-Ali did everything he could to obstruct and undermine His authority, even using lies to turn the Ottoman authorities against Him: These are all clear violations of the spirit and letter of Baha'u'llah's will and testament, and of the entire body of His Writings. Any unbiased mind functioning in a rational manner can understand this, based on the known, demonstrable facts.

"It is incumbent upon the Aghsan, the Afnan and My kindred to turn, one and all, their faces towards the Most Mighty Branch. Consider that which We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book: `When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed, Who hath branched from this Ancient Root.' The object of this sacred Verse is none other except the Most Mighty Branch [`Abdu'l-Baha]. ... Verily God hath ordained the station of the Greater Branch [Muhammad-Ali] to be beneath that of the Most Great Branch [`Abdu'l-Baha]. ..." [p 221f]

This is an unequivocal statement indicating that ALL members of the Baha'i community, including ALL

MEMBERS of Baha'u'llah's family must be subordinate to Abdu'l-Baha: this includes "the Greater Branch", Muhammad-Ali, whose station Baha'u'llah clearly and explicitly stated in the Kitab-i-`Ahd was "beneath that of" `Abdu'l-Baha. Yet, Muhammad-Ali rebelled against `Abdu'l-Baha from the moment the contents of the Kitab-i-`Ahd became known. The position outlined by Baha'u'llah for Muhammad-Ali is very clearly provisional, based on all of His statements about personal conduct in not only the Kitab-i-`Ahd alone, but in all the other texts revealed by Baha'u'llah, and based on His clear, unequivocal statement in the Kitab-i-`Ahd that Muhammad-Ali's station is subordinate to that of `Abdu'l-Baha.

`Abdu'l-Baha spent His entire life, every waking moment, in service to the Cause of His Father. Muhammad-Ali, by contrast, did nothing to aid in the spread of the Faith of Baha'u'llah; instead, he spent his time in leisure, pursuing a life of dissipation and diversions. His whole life clearly demonstrated that he was unqualified for the position that he so ardently craved but did nothing to prepare himself for, spiritually, morally and practically. This is attested by his contemporaries in the Baha'i community in their own accounts of those circumstances. Anyone devoted to the principle of "independent investigation of truth" would do well to look them up and read them for themselves.

As for the Baha'i Faith being a corrupt and failed religion: Funny, it keeps growing from strength to strength, having a membership in excess of 6 million in less than 200 years; the elected and appointed members of the Baha'i administration spend countless hours laboring in the vineyards of their Lord, with little or no remuneration; that's the antithesis of corruption in just about anyone's estimation. I've witnessed it myself in my 40-plus years as a Baha'i, both on and (mostly) off of local assemblies.

As for your assertion that Baha'is should "grow up" or "be laughed at forever": The corrupt world we live in right now is blind to the folly it is mired in; its defenders may be laughing right now, but we'll see who's still laughing before too many more years have passed. The self-styled "sophisticated" members of our society are content to live sophomoric lives of arrested adolescence, believing their mode of behaving and thinking are the hallmark of maturity and sophistication, not realizing it's all merely a "vapor in the desert" of "idle fancies and vain imaginings"; their mode of thinking and behaving is what's leading human society down the brier path to ruination.

As for your other questions: I've done my homework; put in the effort to do your own, rather than rely on others to do the work for you. You can start by looking up the history of the Baha'i Faith on Amazon or on the Internet. You might actually learn something.

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Were you there when the battles between Abdu'l-Baha and Mirza Muhammad Ali broke out? Consider that at the end of his life, Baha'u'llah was living at a mansion named Bahji, which was inherited by Muhammad Ali, not Abdu'l-Baha. Consider also that Mirza Aqa Jan, who was Baha'u'llah's personal secretary for four decades, rejected Abdu'l-Baha's authority. Why would either of those things happen?

The truth is, Baha'u'llah made clear in the Kitab-i-Aqdas that no one after him would claim revelation directly from God for up to 1000 years. Not even Abdu'l-Baha. There is a difference between making someone the leader of the Baha'i community, which no one disputes, and declaring that Abdu'l-Baha would have the same infallibility as Baha'u'llah himself, which would only be possible if he received revelations directly from God. If you state that Mirza Muhammad Ali is not above Baha'u'llah's commandments, why should Abdu'l-Baha be?

Even more disturbing, Abdul-Baha made this statement in his own Will and Testament:

“The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both). Whatsoever they decide is of God. Whoso obeyeth him not, neither obeyeth them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelleth against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposeth him hath opposed God; whoso contendeth with them hath contended with God; whoso disputeth with him hath disputed with God; whoso denieth him hath denied God; whoso disbelieveth in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviateth, separateth himself and turneth aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God. May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rest upon him!”

So not only was Abdu’l-Baha claiming revelation directly from God, he was also claiming that Shoghi Effendi and the members of the Universal House of Justice would also receive such revelations! Otherwise, how could their absolute God-given authority be justified? It CAN’T!

Consider also that Shoghi Effendi died without issue at the relatively young age of 60, in the midst of the Ten Year World Crusade he was leading, of Asiatic flu while on a visit to London. This falsifies the claim in Abdu’l-Baha’s Will and Testament that “The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One.” Simple logic is enough to discredit the Baha’i Faith as you proclaim it.

And that is why I call you a hypocrite, Mr. Jenkins. You condemn Mirza Muhammad Ali for denying Abdu’l-Baha’s leadership, when the descendants of Baha’u’llah say no such thing ever happened. The actual dispute was over Abdu’l-Baha rebelling against one of the most fundamental teachings of Baha’u’llah himself to claim absolute authority that was beyond the limits set in the Kitab-i-Aqdas! Unless you are prepared to claim that Abdu’l-Baha somehow outranked his own father, your assertions about Mirza Muhammad Ali are clearly libelous. They are the product of decades of thought control and censorship by the Baha’i leadership, not any objective history.

I have every right to be embittered about discovering what I believed in the past was a pack of lies. Saying otherwise is like saying a man has no right to feel hungry when he is deprived of food for several days.

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Neither you, Mr./Ms. Husband, nor I, nor Eric Stetson, were there when the events in question occurred. But there were many who were, and many of those left their own memoirs; virtually all of whom, with the exception of Shu’a’ullah, came down on the side of `Abdu’l-Baha. Yes, Mirza Aqa Jan sided with Muhammad-Ali, as did others; but, if you read the accounts about Mirza Aqa Jan, it’s quite clear that he had lost his mind. Even Jamal-i-Burujirdi — a highly regarded teacher of the Faith until he broke the Covenant — sided with Muhammad-Ali; and because these individuals allied themselves with Muhammad-Ali, they alienated the vast majority of the body of Baha’is. Why? Because the majority of the early Baha’is of that time knew all of these individuals, and they especially knew `Abdu’l-Baha; it was very clear to almost all the Baha’is what the caliber and character of `Abdu’l-Baha and that of Muhammad-Ali were; and they, to a person, sided with the

Master (`Abdu'l-Baha). In any court of law, when the majority of witnesses give accounts that support one side in a conflict, the court finds in favor of the side supported by the majority. Muhammad-Ali and Shu'a'ullah and their small band of partisans were the only ones who pressed their side of this case, and the vast majority of the contemporary Baha'is of that time knew them for the corrupt, ambitious rascals and liars that they were. That's why Muhammad-'Ali and his partisans lost their case in the court of Baha'i public opinion — and in the divine court.

Muhammad-Ali did not inherit the mansion of Bahji: he and his family illegally occupied it, unjustly denying 'Abdu'l-Baha access to it. All of the properties under Baha'u'llah's name were left to 'Abdu'l-Baha, but that didn't stop Muhammad-Ali from absconding with some of it. The corrupt Ottoman government did nothing to correct the situation; it was only later, during the ministry of Shoghi Effendi, that the court in British-administered Palestine, based on the will and testaments of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, made the ruling that Bahji belonged to the leader of the Baha'i Faith, not to Muhammad-Ali and his heirs.

`Abdu'l-Baha never claimed to be a conduit of divine revelation, nor did He claim to share in the Most Great Infallibility; He always stated that He was merely a servant of Baha'u'llah; what infallibility He did have — relative infallibility — was conferred on Him by Baha'u'llah. Only Muhammad-Ali and his partisans asserted that `Abdu'l-Baha had made such claims; there is no evidence of Him making such a claim — aside from these covenant-breakers' unfounded assertions. But `Abdu'l-Baha, as the appointed leader of the Faith, had the authority and duty to determine what was acceptable and unacceptable behavior, and to call a person on his/her violations of the standards established by Baha'u'llah. For a number of years, `Abdu'l-Baha gently and lovingly counseled and warned Muhammad-Ali about his activities and their potential consequences for both him and his family, and for the Baha'i community as a whole; it was only when Muhammad-Ali's actions grew so provocative and dangerous for the Baha'i community that `Abdu'l-Baha had no choice but to excommunicate him and his partisans.

Needless to say, you've misinterpreted the text of the Master's Will and Testament. In His Will and Testament, `Abdu'l-Baha was not claiming revelation from God for Himself, Shoghi Effendi, or the Universal House of Justice: He was stipulating that their authority comes from God, and to act against that authority is to act against what God, through Baha'u'llah, has mandated; acting against the institutions that Baha'u'llah created, and resorting to factionalism, is to engage in schism, which is a gross violation of the very spirit of the Covenant which Baha'u'llah has clearly established. Without the Covenant of Baha'u'llah, there is no hope for the regeneration of humankind; as the Promised One of all ages, that is Baha'u'llah's mission, by way of the unifying power of the Covenant which He established with all humanity.

The fact that the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, was without issue does not prove that he was not under the "protection of the Abha Beauty"; the fact that the institutions he developed — his true progeny — are not only still in existence but are multiplying and growing in scope and maturity, demonstrates that divine protection and guidance are very much still in force for those institutions that the Guardian raised, while Muhammad-Ali's progeny have been scattered by the winds of divine judgment, entirely bereft of any power to affect, for good or ill, the Cause of Baha'u'llah which the Master and the Guardian spent all of their life's energies to advance; this is a clear indication that Muhammad-Ali and his family had violated the Covenant of Baha'u'llah and had fallen afoul of God's judgment because of that violation. People like Shu'a'ullah and Stetson long ago had done their best to destroy the Baha'i Faith; many with far greater power and authority than either of them could ever hope to gain and wield tried and failed; and still the Baha'i Faith keeps growing and advancing.

Mr./Ms. Husband, if you choose to be embittered, and choose to spend the rest of your life wallowing in that

bitterness, that is your privilege. If you choose to spend the rest of your life attacking the Baha'i Faith, that is also your privilege, and you are welcome to it. You can claim the right to be bitter; and I do claim the right to attempt to set the record straight when anyone publishes distortions about the history and teachings of the Baha'i Faith, a religion which I have studied and joyfully served in various capacities for over 40 years.

I bear you no malice, though you clearly bear malice towards me and other Baha'is. So be it. Baha'is have been the object of such malice for nearly 200 years. Disdain for and active persecution of this Faith merely makes the Faith and its devoted followers stronger; as Tertullian stated, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." If you choose to spend your life opposing the Baha'i Faith, that's fine: Such tests only make Baha'is stronger in their devotion to Baha'u'llah and His Cause.

I then made a comment that Amazon admin saw fit to delete.....but I saved it elsewhere:

"In any court of law, when the majority of witnesses give accounts that support one side in a conflict, the court finds in favor of the side supported by the majority."

False statement. Eyewitnesses can be mistaken and witnesses can even lie under oath, but empirical evidence can discredit even the words of 100 false claims by liars. For example, DNA testing has exonerated those accused and convicted of rape and/or murder who were condemned on the testimony of supposed victims or their relatives.

"if you read the accounts about Mirza Aqa Jan, it's quite clear that he had lost his mind."

And why would that happen? Accounts written by whom?

"'Abdu'l-Baha never claimed to be a conduit of divine revelation, nor did He claim to share in the Most Great Infallibility; He always stated that He was merely a servant of Baha'u'llah; what infallibility He had — relative infallibility — was conferred on Him by Baha'u'llah."

This is sheer nonsense; infallibility is an absolute ideal which you either have or have not, for it cannot exist in degrees. Just by engaging me with such rhetorical trickery, you discredit yourself. Next....

"Without the Covenant of Baha'u'llah, there is no hope for the regeneration of humankind."

You stated earlier that there are six million Baha'is in the world. That is less than 1/1000th of the world's population in 150 years! Even the Mormons, a splinter group of Christianity, have been far more successful in propagating their religion in the same time period....and BTW, I despise Mormonism and have fought with Mormons online too. Their arrogant rhetoric is similar to yours and is expressed for the same reason: they endorse dogma over reason. That is why I call the Baha'i Faith a failure, because it produces people like you. There are many examples of people whose lives have been improved by religions other than the Baha'i Faith as well as by giving up dogmatic religions and seeking truth objectively. To claim that the Baha'i Covenant alone can save humanity is to be shamefully ignorant of the totality of human experiences. And just as the "covenant breakers" are small groups compared to the world-wide Baha'i Faith, so likewise the Baha'i Faith itself is almost nothing compared to the vast numbers of Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and non-religious people in the world. When the Pope or the Dalai Lama makes a public statement, the whole world pays attention to it because many who are not followers of Roman Catholicism or Tibetian Buddhism respect those leaders.... while almost no one outside the Baha'i community ever takes notice of any statements by the Universal House of Justice. So it stands to reason that even now, Roman

Catholics and Buddhists can do far more for the world than your Baha'i Faith ever has.

"The fact that the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, was without issue does not prove that he was not under the 'protection of the Abha Beauty';"

Then what would, I wonder? I note that you ignored all the other aspects of his sudden death. The Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha clearly states "after [Shoghi Effendi] will succeed the first-born of his lineal descendents." It then goes on to say, "should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:-"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him." And yet Shoghi Effendi expelled ALL his own relatives from the Baha'i community, making it impossible for him to obey his grandfather's commandments. That is like cutting off the tree branch you are sitting on and falling to your death. If anyone else had done to his relatives what Shoghi Effendi did, he would be considered a sociopath. He even attacked one of his own brothers in a shameful message to the Baha'is of the world for marrying a "low-born Christian girl in Europe." You do know there is no prohibition against Baha'is marrying non-Bahai's, right? Such an insult to his own sister-in-law is revolting, to say the least. But that is exactly what happens when you give someone the exact same authority as God Himself; no matter what he does, he is "right" in the eyes of the believer, regardless of how disgusting it would be for anyone else to do such things. Objective truth and objective ethical standards are lacking in Baha'is.

There is nothing genuine left about the Baha'i Faith headquartered in Haifa, Israel, and your responses to me (including ad hominem attacks against me, Eric Stetson, and others who dare to contradict official Baha'i dogmas) have only shown me and others all the more why I was right to leave that faith. Goodbye, Mr Jenkins.

He was not finished with me, however:

The statement is true by force of logic. Some eyewitnesses may be mistaken; but the preponderance of the evidence of a large number of witnesses eventually leads to the point — a "critical mass", as it were — where the eyewitnesses' testimony on one side becomes irrefutable. But if we assume that all eyewitness testimony is suspect, as you assert, then Shu'a'ullah's is dubious by definition, and thereby the validity of "A Lost History" is null and void and its story is pointless. "Empirical evidence" avails nothing here, as there is none; all that historians have at their disposal are memoirs and court records; since that's all that's left, historians have no other recourse but to rely on and deal with them, comparing and contrasting the various court records and eyewitness accounts presented on the events in question. And again, the vast majority — probably approaching 99 percent — of the membership of the Baha'i Faith of that period, the ultimate court of public opinion regarding the matter of the legitimate leadership succession of the Faith, sided with `Abdu'l-Baha. Case closed.

What caused Mirza Aqa Jan to become mentally ill? One can only guess. One likely reason is that he was elderly and was possibly afflicted with some form of dementia. It could also be that, because Baha'u'llah had cast him out of His presence, and then after the passing of Baha'u'llah, Mirza Aqa Jan, after throwing in his lot with the covenant-breakers, had further betrayed the Cause of his Lord by fabricating in His name tablets defaming `Abdu'l-Baha and praising Muhammad-Ali, and had, at the covenant-breakers' urging, even claimed to be a recipient of revelation by way of a dream, when the covenant-breakers' machinations fell

apart and Mirza Aqa Jan subsequently realized the gravity of what he had done, the strain of those events and of that realization broke his mind. Supposition you say? Indeed. But that is all we're left with until more information eventually comes to light — maybe by way of another piece of evidence from another memoir.

By whose testimony? Well, we can start with Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, a direct eyewitness of Mirza Aqa Jan's mental state as recorded in his memoirs, the English translation of which is entitled "Stories from the Delight of Hearts". One can then explore other accounts on these matters. But since, like other avowed opponents of the Baha'i Faith for whom no account will suffice save those of other opponents, you'll likely dismiss such accounts out of hand. There's nothing like an open mind engaging in "independent investigation of the truth".

How do YOU know that infallibility cannot exist in degrees? Do YOU have a direct line to God? Is He directly informing you about this and other matters? Are YOU claiming direct revelation from God? Or are you merely making assumptions based on your own predilections, prejudices and preconceived notions? I trust in the teachings of the Central Figures of the Baha'i Faith, and especially in Baha'u'llah, to inform me about what is and isn't possible in such matters. In point of fact, all of these statements on such matters by Baha'u'llah, `Abdu'l-Baha, etc., are in the form of symbol and metaphor; they're not to be taken literally. But obviously, you'd rather resort to personal attacks and spew venom than try to explore the ramifications of such lofty maters. So be it.

The number of Baha'is in the world being smaller than that of Mormons, I suspect, has everything to do with the fact that the LDS Church started some 20 years earlier, and had grown and developed with far less opposition and persecution than the Baha'i Faith had — and the Faith is still undergoing in the Middle East and some other places to one degree or another to this day. This would be due to where each religion appeared in the world and where and when its early formative years were spent. Also, LDS claims to be Christian, is arguably a Protestant denomination and, even with its unique doctrines, is still recognizably Christian, and has grown up in a relatively tolerant environment in the US and in the Americas — though it was persecuted in its earliest days. The Baha'i Faith, by contrast, claims to be the newest independent revelation from God, spent its formative years in the Islamic world — a part of the world that is deeply intolerant of what its clergy regard as religious "deviations"; plus, the Islamic clergy insist that there will be no new revelations after that of the Prophet Muhammad, per Qur'aan 33.40 (regarding Muhammad as the "Seal of the Prophets"); all of this resulting in Baha'is' suffering sporadic, sometimes continuous persecution (especially under Iran's current Islamic regime) throughout its history. So the Baha'i Faith started out with a much greater disadvantage than LDS, and that disadvantage has unrelentingly continued. Also, the Faith's largest growth spurt didn't start until circa the mid-20th century — some 100 years after its founding.

As regards the Pope and the Dalai Lama: They may be well known and even well regarded, but among the population outside of their respective religions they have virtually no influence; the general reaction at best of people in the West in particular is, "Isn't that nice. What an interesting point of view. Good for them", and then go on with their personal business unfazed and unaffected by either leader's statements. The Pope himself has plenty of opposition within his own church; many Catholics simply ignore those of his pronouncements that they disagree with. The only Buddhists who have particular regard for the Dalai Lama are adherents of the Vajrayana branch of Mahayana Buddhism; most other Buddhists, Mahayana and Theravada, are generally unconcerned with and unaffected by what the Dalai Lama says or does.

For centuries the clergy of all the historical religions that predate the Baha'i Faith have been losing influence over their congregations and the general population as those religions' people and clergy turn to ever-more secular ways of thinking and behaving. Most of the clergy have also been increasingly afflicted with a materialist, especially literalist, mindset regarding their own scriptures, thereby adding to the growing

problems of the world, rather than effecting a cure; in many religious quarters, an intolerant strain of fundamentalism has been growing like a cancer among the clergy and adherents of these religions, leading some of them to violently attack those they see as their (internal as well as external) enemies. Only the Manifestation of God for this day, Baha'u'llah, has the remedy that can and will cure the social and spiritual ills that afflict humankind. If this sounds like doctrinaire "pie-in-the sky" thinking, it's really a matter of one's mindset and, especially, one's spiritual experience. You see delusion; I see divine guidance that can lead the receptive soul to the ultimate truth. To quote the Qur'aan: "You have your religion, and I have mine" (lakum diinukum, wa-lii diinii) [Q 108.6].

The Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, could not appoint a successor as Guardian because he had, out of necessity, excommunicated the rest of the Aghsan (male descendants of Baha'u'llah) because, like the Guardian's uncles, Muhammad-Ali, Badi'u'llah, et al., they had broken the Covenant. Since there were no Aghsan left who could be considered qualified to become Guardian, his hands were tied. Why? Because the Guardian himself is not above the laws of the Faith; he was bound by the unannulable, unabrogateable (by mere humans) text of the Creative Word, and by the provisions of `Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament; ergo, there were no viable candidates for successor. Even if Shoghi Effendi had not excommunicated all of the Aghsan, none of them, by the terms and conditions set out in the Will and Testament, were qualified for the job of Guardianship; hence, no successor could be appointed. Again: Case closed.

Doing what you imply the Guardian "should've done" would be equivalent to a company having no one in (or out of) that company qualified to succeed its current CEO, but which nevertheless appoints SOMEONE out of sheer desperation. The result would be disastrous for that company; and such would've been the case if Shoghi Effendi had appointed as his successor one of the Aghsan, all of whom had proven to be unqualified, and all of whom later had subsequently broken the Covenant. ...

And again, the Guardian NEVER claimed to have the same authority as God Himself, nor did the Master (`Abdu'l-Baha); their authority COMES from God, but that authority never made them EQUAL to God; but since that authority is God-given, opposing such authority is tantamount to opposing God Himself; hence, the tenor of `Abdu'l-Baha's statements in His Will and Testament. Such assertions that the Master and the Guardian claimed equality with God is just one of the many outright fabrications of the opponents of the Faith, who take certain passages out of context and twist them to serve their own perfidious aims. That's a much easier thing to do than to actually wrestle with the deeper meanings and implications of those passages; actually engaging with and plumbing the depths of the authoritative texts requires concentrated reading, deeply pondering and reflecting, and cross-referencing with other passages to gain a deeper insight into and a fuller understanding of the meaning and intention of the revealed words and of the authoritative interpretations of those passages. But minds burdened by hostility mixed with laziness prefer to just take statements out of context and twist their meanings; honest appraisal of the texts, as well as of the records and the accounts of all the eyewitnesses, never factors into the schemes of self-avowed enemies of the Faith. Such schemes will avail the perpetrators nothing.

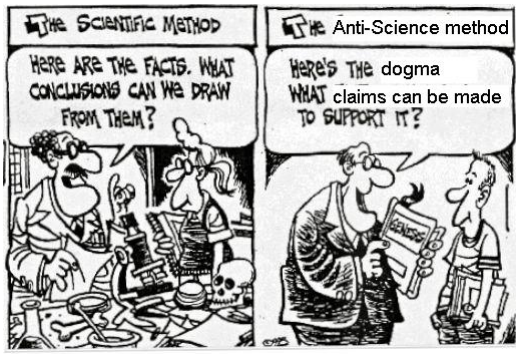
What you see as "ad hominem" attacks are, in fact, simple statements of the actual facts. The truth hurts, especially for those who play fast and loose with the facts, and who eagerly cherry pick certain pieces of information and then present them in the worst possible light in order to attempt to prove their otherwise unfounded assertions; this is exactly what Stetson has done with "A Lost History", and part of what Shu'a'ullah had done, along with the latter inserting purely fabricated elements of narrative, all motivated by a desire to mischaracterize and damage the reputation of a Faith, the leadership of which his family deeply craved but could never achieve. And so their malice burned and grew until it consumed them; and such is the case with today's opponents, internal and external; the product of their malice and machinations is material

such as "A Lost History" — a fanciful, deceitful, pitiful and impotent last gasp.

But as I said in my previous post, Mr./Ms. Husband, go right ahead with your efforts to disparage and mischaracterize the Baha'i Faith: The truth will out. The payment for such perfidious deeds always comes due eventually, and, in the broader view of eternity, the amount is always VERY steep, indeed.

The sheer hypocrisy constantly displayed by Rob Jenkins from start to finish proves one thing that my own life has also demonstrated: No amount of logic or empirically based truth will make someone give up a viewpoint that is somehow a comfort to him and rhetoric alone is enough to make someone cling to whatever he WANTS to believe, period. In my case, I always had some doubts about the faith, but I had to isolate myself from the other Baha'is in the Fort Worth area about the summer of 2004 in order to begin analyzing the issues and facts apart from their influence. Once I did, within a few months the whole case for the Baha'i Faith's credibility came apart and crashed like the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center did. I was set free at last to be my true self: **the Honorable Skeptic**!

I think the most fundamental difference between Rob Jenkins and myself is not even about the Baha'i Faith, it is about what we use as the standard for judging what truth is which would be a problem no matter what religion he professes. This illustration shows what I mean:


The Scientific Method
Here are the facts. What conclusions can we draw from them?
The Anti-Science method
Here's the dogma
What claims can be made to support it?
GENESIS

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MY RESIGNATION FROM THE BAHA'I FAITH

In the summer and fall of 2004, I gradually came to the conviction that the Baha'i Faith was no longer worthy of my allegiance. Realizing that I had to remove myself from that community outright as a matter of honor, I wrote the following letter:

To the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States,

After years of investigation and soul-searching, I have finally come to the sad understanding that I can no longer bring myself to believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established in His name, including the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am totally convinced that the Baha'i Faith is doomed to fail in its mission to bring peace, unity, and a Golden Age to humanity and I therefore resign from my past membership in the Faith. Goodbye.

Regretfully,

Dale Husband

I composed that letter on my computer and mailed it in January of 2005. A few weeks later, the NSA replied that they had accepted my resignation and expressed hope that I would one day decide to return. That looked like denial to me, so I dismissed it and threw away the letter. Then I cut completely all personal ties to the Baha'is in the Fort Worth area.

Soon after this, I began my relationship with Cheri, the woman that would later become my wife. According to Baha'i law, I would have needed the consent of both her mother (her father was already deceased), and my BIRTH (not adoptive) parents to be married to her. Ironic, considering that many Baha'is have non-Baha'i parents who may even be racist, and thus object to their children marrying members of a different race. The stupidity of that idea should be obvious. Parental consent should only be an issue if the married partners are still minors. Once they are ADULTS, they should be treated like adults, period.

My future wife was a member of First Baptist Church of Dallas, a stronghold of fundamentalism. I decided that if she wanted to marry me, she would have to leave that church, because I would never join it and she still wanted us to worship together on Sundays. Instead, I asked her to join with me in First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, which I had belonged to before. She agreed! We were married the following year. Eventually, what started as a compromise between us grew into a case of full blown allegiance to the UU church for both of us. Cheri came to love the freedom of thought in that church, despite still being a strong Christian, while I came to love the powerful community the church provided, despite my agnosticism.

For the first few months of our marriage, Cheri and I shared a home with my parents, until we had enough money to move out on our own. When we did, I left behind at the house most of the Baha'i books and other literature I had collected from my eight or nine years as a Baha'i. Later, my mother, who was always hostile to the Baha'i Faith because of her Baptist convictions, took those items and discarded them all without my consent. At the time, I didn't care. I would later realize how useful those books could have been as weapons against my former religion, but I also was able to find enough online resources for my purposes.

I stayed silent about my defection from the Baha'i Faith until October 19, 2007, when I posted **my first blog entry attacking it.**

Without the support of the UUs at First Jefferson Church, I might have never had the courage to do battle against the corrupt, idiotic Haifan Baha'i Administrative Order as I have done. They and other UUs are destined to do the work of peace, unity, and freedom that Baha'is cannot and will never do! My life and Cheri's together are proof that it can work!

Articles

- The Universal House of Empty Rhetoric (dalehusband.wordpress.com)

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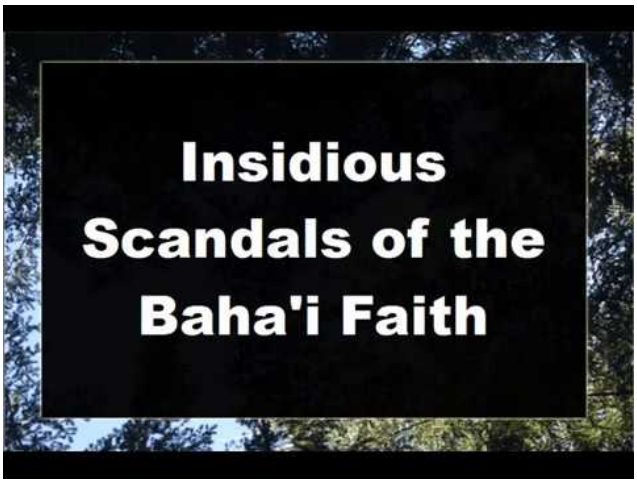
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MY BATTLE WITH A HAIFAN BAHA'I ON YOUTUBE

Back in January of this year, I made a video on YouTube condemning the Baha'i Faith for its failings.

☐ Video:



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I expected some criticism, but most of it came across as incredibly stupid. Then came a more formidable opponent, Jim Murray.

Azim Moosavi

Dale Husband: Dale, if you say you want this to fail. Then you are saying that unity and humanity should fail am I correct?

Azim Moosavi

Dale Husband Dale, I have read your website. It has come to me that your website seems more based on your own opinion than reality and facts.

Dale Husband

We all have opinions, but those opinions should never be based on lies, including the lie you told above. The Baha'i Faith has already failed; it is not a matter of me wanting it to fail, it simply has! For every convert to the faith in recent times, at least one previously converted leaves. The community is not growing and never will unless and until it drastically reforms itself and starts being more honest.

Jim Murray

Actually, Dale Husband, the community is growing at quite a rapid pace currently. Perhaps not where you live, but overall. The Faith cannot fail, it is the expression of God's Will for this age. It may be that you are one of those who imagine that this Faith was created and is controlled by some organization. There is no doubt that the Faith is considered a failure by many in the West because it does not cater to their quaint conceptions of democracy, liberality, and justice. "Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring balance established amongst men." I don't question what you want to believe, I just don't understand why you don't just walk away and get on with your life. Join a church or a synagogue. Find a girl. Get drunk. The Faith will not change. So stop trying to suggest it should.

Jim Murray

So.... given that a Baha'i is someone who accepts Baha'u'llah as the Manifestation of God's Will for this day, and is obedient to everything He has written, I'm not really sure what you're trying to accomplish here. Did any of this change His claim to be that Messenger, or alter His teachings? Or are you simply engaging in a self-righteous tantrum about not getting your way? If I decided I no longer accepted those two criteria, I would get on with my life instead of pouting all over the internet.

Jim Murray

I remember when I was a child, and many things that I didn't understand caused me to fear for no reason. Often the fear itself created thoughts that added to the feelings. Needless to say, the fear also kept me from fully investigating the sources of my fears, and so I lived much of the time in a self-imposed world of delusion. Thank goodness that childhood eventually gives way to maturity, and you begin to understand that things are seldom what they seem, that they usually have a simple explanation, and you no longer need to live in fear. I wish that for everyone.

Jimmy Cardent

You will enjoy the discussions at: http://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai

Jim Murray

Almost every one of the comments at that link are from a curious type of people who are "joiners". They see the progressive nature of the Baha'i teachings, and decide that it is some utopian democracy that must adhere to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. What most of these people need to do is contact their local mental health organization, and find some group that will coddle and cherish them, and cater to their whims. Not one of them has fulfilled the standard set by Baha'u'llah, which is to recognize Him as the Manifestation of God for this day, and accept and obey everything revealed by His pen. That is the Baha'i Faith. The Baha'i community, on the other hand, is a working model, a laboratory, whose purpose is for us to practice and learn. And how do we learn and grow as Baha'is? Yes, through suffering and adversity. Those people chose instead to bail, run into a corner and lick their wounds, and then fire cheap-shots on the safety of the internet. The only people they will influence are the same as they are. As Baha'u'llah Himself wrote: If thine aim be to cherish thy life, approach not our court; but if sacrifice be thy heart's desire, come and let others come with thee. For such is the way of faith, if in thy heart thou seekest reunion with Bahá; shouldst thou refuse to tread this path, why trouble us? Begone! This is not a Cause which may be made a plaything for your idle fancies, nor is it a field for the foolish and faint of heart. By God, this is the arena of insight and detachment, of vision and upliftment, where none may spur on their chargers save the valiant horsemen of the Merciful, who have severed all attachment to the world of being. These, truly, are they that render God victorious on earth, and are the dawning-places of His sovereign might amidst mankind.

Dale Husband

{{{They see the progressive nature of the Baha'i teachings, and decide that it is some utopian democracy that must adhere to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. What most of these people need to do is contact their local mental health organization, and find some group that will coddle and cherish them, and cater to their whims.}}}

My criticisms of the Baha'i Faith have nothing to do with the American form of government. And insulting people who reject the Faith when they find out what it is really about after being lied to about it is as contemptible as it gets. Why don't YOU see a psychiatrist to find out why you are so attached to a religion that has so much nonsense in it that you would defend it in public in such a shameful manner?

Jim Murray

Someone lied to you about it? Really! I guess you decided the principle of the independent investigation of truth was optional, did you? Or did they hide that from you, too? And I guess you had no access to the books written by Baha'u'llah, is that right? What I'm defending is your right to admit that you made a mistake, and to move on with your life and do it right. I could just as easily say that the Anglican church "misled" me for sixteen years; do you see me slagging them on YouTube? But yeah, you're so right, as usual; it's my manner that is shameful, not yours.

Dale Husband

{{{Actually, Dale Husband, the community is growing at quite a rapid pace currently.}}}

Based on what evidence? Did the worldwide Baha'i community do a census to determine how many adherents it actually has?

{{{It may be that you are one of those who imagine that this Faith was created and is controlled by some organization.}}}

You do not consider the Universal House of Justice to be an organization? And I know the Baha'i Faith was created by an individual who called himself Baha'u'llah. I imagine nothing about it, I respond to what I actually see in it.

{{{"Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring balance established amongst men."}}}

That is a direct quote from Baha'u'llah. The question is, what is the Book of God? The Quran? The Bible? Something else? The only certain source of truth we can ever have is through the universe that God supposedly made and that universe can only be studied through the "standards and sciences as are current amongst you". Unlike religious dogmas that are not based on reality, science is a self-correcting process because it depends on reality for its content. At least you attempt to make some sort of coherent argument, unlike some other Baha'is. And yet....

{{{I just don't understand why you don't just walk away and get on with your life. Join a church or a synagogue. Find a girl. Get drunk.}}}

Telling me to shut up because what I say makes you uncomfortable is ironic. No one forced you to look at my video or comment on it, so you are a hypocrite. I am already a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. And what could my drinking alcohol (I do not) or having a wife or girlfriend (I am single) have to do with any of this? How stupid can you be....or do you think most of the readers of your comments are? FAIL!

Jim Murray

Well, we're a little testy, aren't we? And well versed in the quote-and-dissect-technique so well-loved by hairsplitters everywhere. Unfortunately, you pretty well missed the meaning of most of what I said. I was going on the fact that you claim to have once been a Baha'i. Now I see that you were as much a Baha'i as I am a neurosurgeon. I will respond to one thing, though. I didn't tell you to shut up because it makes me feel uncomfortable. Unlike yourself, I know who Baha'u'llah is, and I am content with what He has revealed. Nothing of what you have said is new to me, the internet is full of rants by petulant "ex-Baha'is" who deluded themselves and now want to blame others. Go ahead, shout it from the rooftops. The Faith can protect itself from more than you have. The sad fact is, the only ones who are listening are those like yourself, who are unwilling or unable to see the truth in the teachings of the Faith. I'm wondering, though, do you also go online and bitch about all of your ex-girlfriends and how they done you wrong? Or have you learned to move on, at least sometimes?

Dale Husband

Actually, you know nothing about Baha'u'llah and other historical figures of the Baha'i Faith except what was written about them in official Baha'i propaganda. The Baha'i Administrative Order is notorious for its total thought control and censorship, which makes the supposed Baha'i principle of Independent Investigation of Truth a lie. Likewise, Christians only know about Jesus what was written in the Gospels. And Jews only know of their Hebrew ancestors what was written in the Old Testament. You know the idea of the winners getting to write histories of past disputes to favor them? You assume you already have the truth and that all others, including me, must be wrong. That's arrogance. How can you expect to win others to your Faith when most Christians, Muslims, Jews, and other religious members tend to be just as dogmatic and stubborn as you?

{{{Now I see that you were as much a Baha'i as I am a neurosurgeon.}}}

Your sarcasm is disgraceful and you are using the "no true Scotsman" fallacy. If nothing would make you decide the Baha'i Faith is not worth following, then that means truth and ethical integrity are nothing to you, and therefore, no one should ever take you seriously again.

{{{ I'm wondering, though, do you also go online and bitch about all of your ex-girlfriends and how they done you wrong?}}}

Making such a disgusting personal attack AGAIN is enough to discredit you forever, Jim Murray. Therefore I will ban you from any further comments on my channel. And thank you for giving me yet another example of why I am so glad to no longer be a part of your unworthy cult and why it must ultimately be brought down to ruin. We humans simply must do better than this. Better than YOU!

You know what, maybe I was indeed never a very good Baha'i after all. Because I know I was not nearly as arrogant, insulting, and abusive to others as Jim Murray was to me. You simply CANNOT have an honest and productive

dialogue with such people who have no regard for actual facts and instead focus on personalities like mine! That is called the ad hominem fallacy. Thus, Murray is just like Rob Jenkins, **who I fought with two years ago**. They could be cell mates in hell.

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NOT ALL BAYANIS ARE @$$#oL&$, IT SEEMS

It is unfortunate that I first learned about the Bayani/Babist religion from the **psychotic backstabber known** as Wahid Azal. His **betrayal of the exBaha'i community** in reddit and **of me personally** colored my opinion of the Bayani religion itself, causing me to assume that the Bayanis as a whole deserved nothing but eternal damnation for their acts of treachery against others.

Now I've had to rethink that assumption, thanks to a friend I made in Facebook known as Paul Schuhl or Pawel Szul.

This is his Facebook profile: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013306660871

This is his blog on WordPress: https://religionofbayanuk.wordpress.com/

And this is his new group on Facebook to promote his interpretation of Babism:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/3089069504457427/

Naturally, Wahid Azal and his toxic cultists went after him once they learned of what he was doing. Some of their attacks are documented on Schuhl's blog:

https://religionofbayan.wordpress.com/2021/11/12/wahid-azal-opponent-spits-venom-at-me-pawel-szul/

(Note: Schuhl included an exact copy of my own blog entry defending myself against Wahid Azal's lies: https://dalehusband.com/2020/05/12/wahid-azal-and-his-bayani-gang-hit-a-new-low/ .)

https://religionofbayan.wordpress.com/2021/11/13/wahid-azal-attacks-me-again-and-now-also-shaykh-plato/

https://religionofbayan.wordpress.com/2021/11/14/insulting-my-person-by-wahid-azal-sect-god-forgive-them-for-they-know-not-what-they-do/

After looking into his Facebook group and seeing what a war zone it had become, I advised Schuhl: "you should identify and expel all the known followers of Wahid Azal from it."

And in case anyone says his doing that is censoring opinions critical of him, it should be noted that on NONE of Wahid Azal's videos on YouTube are comments by others allowed. So NO ONE can directly confront him about his many lies. Since he censors opposing opinions on his YouTube channel, he and his followers shouldn't complain about being expelled from any place they are disruptive in, whether it is a Facebook group, or the ExBahai subreddit!

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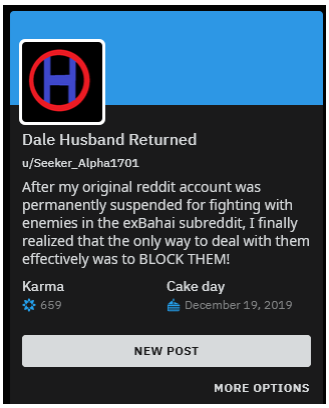
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RESTORING MY PRESENCE IN REDDIT

First, watch this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_FGQY1WcRU

After realizing that my **previous tactics** against Wahid Azal and his allies in reddit **only hurt me**, I changed my strategy.


Dale Husband Returned
u/Seeker_Alpha1701
After my original reddit account was permanently suspended for fighting with enemies in the exBahai subreddit, I finally realized that the only way to deal with them effectively was to BLOCK THEM!
Karma
659
Cake day
December 19, 2019
NEW POST
MORE OPTIONS

And in the process, I have gained a new ally.

> My Ex-Baha'i Story (long)
> by inexbahai

I don't remember being exploited so badly by others when I was a Baha'i, but this does not surprise me.

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> It seems you were constantly asked to help others in the Baha'i community. Did they ever offer to help YOU in return?

> carolsaurusarex
>
> Literally never. I honestly can not even think of a single example of me gaining anything other than the wisdom to avoid cults in the future.
>
> G was the only person who ever came to help me out but she is not Baha'i and we are very close friends to this day.

Seeker_Alpha1701

> I came from a very toxic family and was disowned about 14 years ago. I have no contact with that side of my family except an Aunt who just so happens to be Baha'i. The family story (impression) was that this Aunt was better than the rest of the family. A gentle benevolent sort of person.

That was the problem. The Baha'i community was (slightly) better than how you were raised. I was in a bad marriage and after my divorce I was involved in several relationships, all of which were better than my marriage but none of them could last because they really were not what fit me.

Likewise, you need to keep looking for what in religion fits you.

carolsaurusarex

> Bit of a fangirl here but your blog was the catalyst for me pulling up my britches and getting out. Your information was a life saver and I am very grateful.

Seeker_Alpha1701

> Thank you. I'm glad I could make a difference. It is people like you that make all my efforts worth it. And I will never stop!

And no one like **Wahid Azal** will stop me either!

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SEN MCGLINN IS DELUSIONAL AND IDIOTIC

In attacking the new Unitarian Baha'i movement, Sen McGlinn made the following absurd declaration:

http://senmcglinn.wordpress.com/2010/04/17/muhammad-ali-revived-2/

Do not be deceived: the latest attempt to rehabilitate Muhammad Ali is not due to some universal love and progressive ideas, or any great knowledge about Muhammad Ali: it springs from a desire to avoid the straight line that leads from authenticated texts by Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha, through inescapable reasoning, to the conclusion that the Universal House of Justice is the head of the Bahai community today. To avoid that conclusion, some people will bring forward anything, however implausible, that seems to offer an alternative.

Anyone who actually reads **the Baha'i Faith section of this blog** would know, if they were intellectually honest, that this claim is simply bogus postering. And there's more:

http://www.uubahai.com/2010/03/ghusn-i-akbar-part-1-the-facts/

http://www.uubahai.com/2010/04/ghusn-i-akbar-part-2-his-significance/

Indeed, like most Baha'is, McGlinn takes at face value the profoundly one-sided narratives favored by the Haifan Baha'i Administrative Order about the conflict between Abdu'l-Baha (AB) and his brother Mirza Muhammad Ali (MA), never questioning them; never asking why, if MA was such a despicable man and AB was indeed so perfect in his ways, why nearly all the descendants of Baha'u'llah, even those descended directly from AB, would reject the claims of AB and Shoghi Effendi and find themselves expelled from the Baha'i community rather than submit to the Covenant AB established in his Will and Testament. Also odd is that the mansion of Bahji, in which Baha'u'llah spent his last years, was lived in by MA after Baha'u'llah died, not AB! I'd think if AB was as highly favored by Baha'u'llah as the official Baha'i history claims, he would have been living in Bahji with Baha'u'llah and would have inherited it, but in fact, AB **never** lived there at all! Such logical gaps should be debated and worked over, not ignored and swept under the rug.

People who operate like McGlinn have no business claiming to be reputable scholars on religion, unless they are promoting a scam.

And what is really ironic about this, is that McGlinn was actually **expelled** from the very Haifan Baha'i community he is still defending:

http://senmcglinn.wordpress.com/about/

In late 2005 I was removed from the rolls of the Bahai community, following a decision of the Universal House of Justice. I have put up some of the documents on a page here, in response to speculations about the reasons for the decision. I have applied to be re-enrolled periodically, and in the meantime continue as a believing and practising unenrolled Bahai. There are some informal reflections on being unenrolled in an email in my archive called 'who belongs.'

Why would anyone continue to defend an organization that no longer even wants him around? To me, that is idiocy, and I do not respect idiots.

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SHOGHI EFFENDI, COVENANT BREAKER

In a blog entry from over a decade ago, I directly assaulted the credibility of the Guardianship of Shoghi Effendi, who led the Baha'i Faith from 1921 until his death in 1957. To this day, I consider **The Fatal Flaw of Baha'i Authority** to be my one of my greatest works and the ultimate refutation of the Baha'i Faith as led by the leadership based in Haifa, Israel.

I have also debunked the credibility of Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament, the very document that Shoghi Effendi based his authority on.

https://bahai-writings-criticism.blogspot.com/2018/04/a-critical-analysis-of-will-and.html

It is shocking enough that the so-called Guardian did not uphold the Covenant at the time of his death. But what if I told you that he also broke it while he was alive?

When he was Guardian, Shoghi Effendi would often expel dissident Baha'is from the community, including nearly ALL his closest relatives. But a reading of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha reveals that he should NOT have had that power and he was abusing his position as Guardian!

After declaring the absolute authority of the Guardian, Abdu'l-Baha says this:

> **My object is to show that the Hands of the Cause of God must be ever watchful and so soon as they find anyone beginning to oppose and protest against the Guardian of the Cause of God, cast him out from the congregation of the people of Bahá and in no wise accept any excuse from him.**

So the Hands of the Cause of God are expected to expel those disloyal to the Guardian, not the Guardian himself. Meanwhile....

> **Should any of the members [of the Universal House of Justice] commit a sin, injurious to the common weal, the Guardian of the Cause of God hath at his own discretion the right to expel him, whereupon the people must elect another one in his stead.**

So the only expulsion the Guardian is empowered to do is to remove members of the UHJ from that body, and not necessarily from the Baha'i community completely. So how did Shoghi Effendi gain the same power to expel Baha'is completely as the Hands of the Cause of God? By merely asserting he had that power already! But if he did, then the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha really should have read:

> **My object is to show that the Guardian of the Cause of God must be ever watchful and so soon as he finds anyone beginning to oppose and protest against him, cast the Covenant breaker out from the congregation of the people of Bahá and in no wise accept any excuse from him.**

The Constitution of the United States of America grants Congress, not the President, the power to declare war, but it also grants the President the rank of Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States. But the last time Congress did declare war was in December 1941, right after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Yet the USA has fought wars in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq without a Congressional declaration of war, because of the President taking advantage of his position of Commander-in-Chief. This is straight up TYRANNY the American people should NEVER have tolerated!

Likewise, Baha'is the world over blindly assumed that Shoghi Effendi had the right to expel people from the Baha'i community. He didn't even start to appoint living Hands of the Cause of God until 1951, thirty years after he began his

Guardianship and he NEVER served as a member of the UHJ! Why not? Was his megalomania so problematic that he was never willing to share power with anyone in his early days as Guardian?

Then he never should have been Guardian to begin with.

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SILENCING THE TRUTH IS UNACCEPTABLE, FROM ANYONE!

A reddit user named MacPark711 tried to bring up a painful topic in the Bahai subreddit. You can guess how far he got with it.

> Dealing With Some Criticisms and why people are leaving. #1 Shoghi and the UHJ
> by inbahai

Sorry, this post has been removed by the moderators of r/bahai.

Moderators remove posts from feeds for a variety of reasons, including keeping communities safe, civil, and true to their purpose.

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tolk

Hi MacPark711,

I'm not going to approve this post. It would take a long time for contributors here to address all the specific points you raised. It's sort of like if you were trying to learn about vaccines and you spent hours and hours on anti-vax videos and forums, and then wanted other people to address/dispel all the misinformation you learned. Here are the books you'll need to read.

1. The Kitáb-i-Íqán. This book covers the basic principles and lays the foundation for the teachings/revelation of Bahá'u'lláh. It states God continually provides mankind with revelation direct from God for our education and upliftment. After reading this you should decide if you think Bahá'u'lláh is a messenger of God or not. If you think a possibility exists, you can continue into history:

2. The Dawn-Breakers for the context and early history of the Faith, centered on the life of the Bab but it does carry forward to some events in the life of Bahá'u'lláh.

After those two works you should have a good idea about the character and purpose of the life and mission of the Bab and an understanding of the place held by Bahá'u'lláh. After that if you still want answers to your specific questions, turn to the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and read it carefully. From it you will get an idea about what was acceptable behavior and what was not and you can judge the behavior of those close to Shoghi Effendi, who was following the Will and who was not?

In Summons of the Lord of Hosts you'll find this passage: "This is the Day that shall not be followed by night, nor shall it be bounded by any praise, would that ye might understand!"

This is a significant promise written in 1868, because the only way to avoid the 'night' humanity has always seen following a religious dispensation is for the religious community Bahá'u'lláh has created to remain unified and under a control everyone accepts. You can almost bypass every concern listed simply by asking yourself, is it unified today? Is it under stable leadership?

But, going the long route, you can look next to histories centered on the life and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Shoghi Effendi. There are very lengthy books about each.

Like The Covenant of Baha'u'llah by Adib Taherzadeh, perhaps?

MacPark711

This books do not answer questions regarding the issues I have brought up. I am trying to do a service to the Bahai faith which is clearly falling part online. Just searching Bahai faith in google or you to leads to many negative pages and videos that need addressing You are contributing to sweeping issues under the rug. The debate over the will of Abdul needs talking about due to some evidence that it was forged. Just "reading" it carefully isnt the answer. I have read it as well as talks about it. I am well versed in it. The issues is the handwriting analyses that was done on it which claims it was alerted. I cant debunk this without being able to find people and information that discredits this. If you think just "reading" the Will will answer peoples questions who want to know if it was forged due to the many many pages and videos online saying it was forced, then you have your head in the clouds. I feel you are helping to hold back the faith. In an online world most new people will look up bahai, see these issues and then just go no further. You need to tackle the big issues as hard as they are. By keeping to put your head in the sand will help nothing. You cant just ask a casual perspective new member to "go read Kitáb-i-Íqán and the dawn breakers". I myself have read all these books and many many more. Probably more Bahai books and scripture than most active bahais. By not approving this post you will be contributing to holding back growth of the faith as it will hinder my ability to answer tough questions and make good reports and videos on them. I have faced the same issues in bahai groups on facebbook. No one wants to answer the tough questions. Its a shame. I was ready to open some very good discourse on this reddit. Your vaccine analogy is ridiculous. If people were finding out anti vax issues and you were able to ask people info about correct info to dispel these falsehoods would not tackling the incorrect issues be smarter? You seem to think the issues would just go away. Trust me the anti bahai info online is getting huge. Its going to hinder the growth of the faith as these questions are not being answered. Almost 100% of perspective new members will go online for Bahai info. Many will leave. I did and then decided to come back and tackle these issues head on but as always just keep hitting brickwalls. Is this because in people hearts they know these issues are real?

I guess you have had your mind made. Just know I am going to give up my defense of the bahai faith. I am over it. I keep coming across people like you wishing to just "hope it away". Its not going away unless someone tackles the anti bahai brigade. I hope in your own heart you realize the mistake you are making. I was going to do a full website and youtube giving great debunks to anti bahai issues that are all over the net. These videos and website could have saved potentially thousands of people from walking away of moving on. Its 2021. You cant just tell people to "read the book". This thinking will kill the Bahai faith...

So MacPark711 went to the ExBahai subreddit instead:

Post Denied in /Bahai so posting here.

by inexbahai

Where I had this to say to him:

Seeker_Alpha1701

I have written much about Shoghi Effendi and how he totally messed up the religion founded by his great-grandfather Baha'u'llah.

https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority/

https://dalehusband.com/2017/06/28/facts-worth-repeating-about-shoghi-effendi/

https://dalehusband.com/2019/09/23/damage-control-by-shoghi-effendi/

Also see this:

https://bahai-writings-criticism.blogspot.com/2018/04/a-critical-analysis-of-will-and.html

And I just posted this too:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/n5be3j/shoghi_effendi_contradicts_abdulbaha/

If you want more proof that ppl like tolk are a total disgrace to the Faith, read these:

https://dalehusband.com/2018/04/08/treachery-of-bahais-reddit/

https://dalehusband.com/2018/07/04/muslim-bashing-and-libel-against-ex-bahais-in-reddit/

https://dalehusband.com/2020/07/12/a-massive-fight-with-davidbinowen-in-reddit/

https://dalehusband.com/2020/08/26/another-victory-over-the-bahai-faith-and-one-of-its-bigoted-hypocrites/

He answered:

MacPark711

Thanks. I am on the fence Bahai and trying to make sense of it all. But people like **tolk** are simply gatekeeping on a huge public forum and doing a disservice to the faith. Its 2021. People cant hide behind just covering things up and pushing under the rug anymore. Everything is out there online. I can see you are obviously anti Bahai. And thats totally fine. You have that right. I am at least open to some dialogue and now I just wish some Bahais would have the guts to come and tackle the negative Bahai posts online or at least help me in what I wish to do. I dont have enough info or knowledge to do this. Thats why I was hoping to get some Bahais onboard to help me but as you can see everyone just hides and blocks everything. Even worse they couldn't even reply to my follow up explaining their reasons. **tolk** just hides.

"Independent investigation of truth" means "just read and agree to what our books say". by the sounds of it.

This is all really irritating me.

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olivercowdery2021

The Baha'is will NEVER allow you to ask such questions, not in any Baha'i Community, not in any Baha'i

meeting, not at the Baha'i World Centre. You will be asked to leave. Your Membership in the Faith will be removed.

Was S.E. a closet homosexual? Probably so. The witnesses are many. Are they ALL lying? If you believe current Baha'i apologists, yes. I don't think they were all lying.

Was S.E. lazy and went on 4 month long trips to Switzerland (without his wife) every year? He went on such trips, yearly. Without his wife. Was he lazy? He spent most days writing letters and translating. Why did he go to Switzerland for four months a year? Some say to get away from his wife. Others say to meet his lover, George Townsend. Others say, to get away from the hot Palestine Summers. Maybe the answer is "All of the above". No way to be SURE unless one finds a letter written by Townsend or Effendi, that is a love letter. No such letter has been found.

Was S.E. a tyrant who excommunicated his relatives over the smallest of things? Answer: THEY thought so. He demanded absolute control over every decision of their lives, including whom they could marry and not marry, where they could go on trips, etc. If they "defied" him, he excommunicated them: including their children.

Did the wife of 'Abdu'l-Baha forge part of the Will and Testament, making S.E. Guardian? Answer: the evidence is that part of the Will and Testament was NOT written by 'Abdu'l-Baha. That much is known. Some think 'Abdu'l-Baha dictated it to his wife or some scribe. Others think it was forged after AB died. Nobody saw the Will and Testament BEFORE AB died except AB and his wife. All we know for SURE is that the section where AB appoints SE as Guardian, is NOT in the handwriting of AB, but the rest of the W&T is in the handwriting of AB.

How can these issues be resolved? Answer: they won't be. Either way, they won't be. You have to decide "if" you want to be a Baha'i, and promote the Baha'i Faith, or not. These questions will always be unresolved. You have to choose.

Much to my annoyance, MacPark711 chose.....to run away from the discussion by deleting his own post. But the neat thing about reddit is that you can still look up and restore some deleted material. Also, I found that Naser Emtesali had already copied the statement MacPark711 deleted here.

So.....I proceeded to put it ALL back on r/exbahai !

Restoring a deleted discussion about reddit Baha'i cancel culture
by inexbahai

It worked!

Done_being_Shunned

Thank you for the restoration. Interesting read as I hit my 1-year anniversary of formal resignation.

(Have not regretted the decision one iota; only sorry I hadn't done it a few decades earlier.)

May I highlight the staunch baha'i's, named tolk, typical and expected reply (in my own words): "read these

(excruciatingly) lengthy books–hopefully your brain will be numbed to a level that will keep your critical thinking muscles QUIET."

Seeker_Alpha1701

I am actually more upset at MacPark711 for deleting the original post here than at tolk. I am USED to tolk being a lying, backstabbing asshole.

MacPark711 needs to wake the hell up! I can state for the record that even if I was still a Baha'i in 2018 (the year I first joined reddit), by now I would have resigned from the Faith because of all the crap I have clearly seen from the reddit Baha'is. They are mostly hypocrites because their Faith makes them so by DESIGN. You can't save it.....you just have to.....LET IT GO!!!!!

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SUSAN MANECK, BAHA'I APOLOGIST (AND IDIOT)

A long time ago, a certain Baha'i scholar (I use that term quite loosely) began posting comments on my blog in response to my criticisms of the Baha'i Faith. Eventually, this person, Susan Maneck, waged a long running battle on one of my blog entries:

Baha'is must reject the Guardianship!

I tolerated her shit for a while but finally had enough of her arrogance and banned her.

Well, she has struck again! Take a look at this video about her:

☐ Video:



Click to watch

The very first comment on it was mine.

> **Dale Husband**
>
> Susan Maneck is one of the biggest hypocrites I ever had the misfortune of dealing with. She is really a blindly obedient Baha'i dogmatist. The comments below this blog entry show her true character: https://dalehusband.com/2010/03/21/bahais-must-reject-the-guardianship/

> **Naser Emtesali**
>
> Thank you for exposing her.

That was four years ago. Then three months ago:

> **Susan Maneck**
>
> You deliberately didn't bother to include the Houses response to my letter? Talk about distorting the truth!

I then replied on this month:

Dale Husband

So what's stopping you from posting the response here? Or even posting it on your own YouTube channel and inviting us to see it?

Susan Maneck

@Dale Husband I don't have youtube channel.

Of course she does! How else could she have posted her comments on YouTube? You can have a channel even if there is no content on it. And why doesn't she bother to make her own videos? Anyway, here is her channel:

https://www.youtube.com/user/smaneck/featured

So her first outright lie is debunked.

Dale Husband

@Susan Maneck That's no excuse. You can still post the response on your own blog and link to it here.....but I know you won't do that because you already know most non-Baha'is will see right through the House of Justice's rancid bullshit. After all these disgraceful years, you are as much of a damned con artist as you ever were.

Then I waited for her to respond. After a while, I made another comment, to prove my point about her cowardice.

Dale Husband

Nevermind, I will do it for you!

https://bahai-library.com/uhj_access_sources

{{{Date sent: Tue, 11 May 99
To: Susan Maneck
Subject: Access to materials at the Bahá'í World Centre
From: Bahá'í World Centre 4 May 1999
Transmitted by email to Dr. Susan Maneck, U.S.A.
Dear Bahá'í Friend,
The Universal House of Justice has received your email of 30 December 1998 requesting clarification of the policies governing access to sources at the Bahá'í World Centre and regarding publication of primary source material available to people through other avenues. It welcomes the opportunity to provide further information on these issues and has instructed us to send you the following reply.

Your questions have to be considered in the context of the range of the work and responsibilities of the Universal House of Justice. One of the most important functions of the Head of the Cause is to guide the faithful to the tasks which need to be performed at each stage in its progress. It must allocate the resources of the Faith and point out those areas on which attention should be focused. Naturally, each individual tends to see the importance of his or her special interests or to focus on needs which are immediately apparent. All these have their own validity, but it is the Universal House of Justice which sees the whole picture and can guide the process. The friends must have faith in this, otherwise their efforts will be dissipated and even mutually conflicting.

The question of providing access to primary source materials is but one of the matters which must occupy the attention and consume the resources of the Cause. The written material of this Dispensation is incomparably rich and varied, and we now stand only a century and a half from the day on which the Bab announced His Mission to Mulla Husayn in Shiraz.

Access to source documents relating to the Bahá'í Faith which are held in libraries in different parts of the world, or are in the hands of individuals, is open to anyone who wishes to consult them, dependent only on the permission of the institution or individual in whose possession the documents are held. A major service which a number of Bahá'í scholars have rendered to the Faith is in tracing such deposits and, where possible, obtaining archival quality photocopies for the World Centre Archives and Library.

As for source documents at the World Centre itself: these are held by the Universal House of Justice in trust for the entire Bahá'í world and ultimately for the whole of humankind, of both present and future generations. There is tremendous work to be accomplished in sorting, identifying and cataloguing such documents so that they can be effectively studied without either damaging them or losing vital information by disturbing their inter- relationships. As far as the urgent needs of the Faith are concerned, the primary work in this respect must be devoted to the Sacred Texts rather than to documents of historical interest, although the latter are by no means ignored. It would be irresponsible for the House of Justice, without itself first being fully informed of what is in the Archives, to consider opening them to individual scholars for the pursuit of purely personal interests.

Far from allowing anyone to tamper with the historical records, the Universal House of Justice has the obligation to preserve the integrity, not only of the Sacred Texts, but of all the historical documents in its possession. It has, moreover, a responsibility for arranging their publication for the scholarly world in a coherent manner that will not give a misleading impression of events as a result of the mere choice of the items and the order in which they are made public. Undoubtedly, in due course, it will be possible to publish editions of historical documents in facsimile accompanied, in the case of each document, by a printed transcription, and supplemented by necessary commentaries and notes. It is with such thoughts in mind that the House of Justice feels that a certain discipline is required of those individual believers who decide, for their own purposes, to publish or translate documents which they have at hand.

This entire process is made the more delicate by past experience with those who, pursuing unacknowledged agendas of their own, have wished to publish certain documents for ulterior motives, or with others who have lacked the good sense and breadth of vision to act responsibly.

You refer to the principle of the unfettered search after truth. This is certainly upheld, but it cannot imply that

the institutions of the Faith have a duty to make available to each enquirer every piece of information he or she requests. We are faced here, not with wisdom prevailing over the search for truth, but with a process of organic growth, both in the world and, commensurate with it, at the World Centre of the Faith.

The Universal House of Justice has asked us to assure you of its prayers on your behalf in the Holy Shrines for the reinforcement of your devoted endeavours to advance the interests of the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh.
With loving Bahá'í greetings,
Department of the Secretariat
cc: International Teaching Centre}}}

News flash: Anyone who followed the link provided by the original video poster could have seen that response. Susan Maneck made an issue out of nothing!

Dale Husband

This sort of reminds me of the Roman Catholic Church which for over 1000 years kept the Bible locked up in Latin rather than let the common people read it in their own languages. Only scammers keep things hidden from the public!

This seemed to cause her to become unhinged.

Susan Maneck

@Dale Husband Actually, your own link takes you to their response, it is just that you very carefully posted only my letter and not their response which demonstrates who is the real con artist.

So she thought I had made the video? I didn't and in any case she was lying, since I had actually just posted the entire response by the Universal House of Justice as a comment.....and in any case, a person still could have looked up the response by following the original link in the video's description. And the real point of not bothering to include the reply in the original video was that Ms. Maneck was an idiot to make such a lame inquiry to begin with! Any objective non-Baha'i would have already figured out that the Universal House of Justice was running a scam.....why couldn't she see it?!

Then she started a rant at me:

Susan Maneck

@Dale Husband You are wrong about the Baha'i Faith and equally wrong about the Church. The RCC did not not keep the Bible "locked up in Latin" for a thousand years. During the early Middle Ages Latin was the only language of literacy. The Latin Bible was called the Vulgate because that translation made the Bible, which was original in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, available to the literate population of Europe. The common people were not literate in any language. Even at the height of the Renaissance, after the invention of the printing press, the literacy rate of Europe was about 5%. That wasn't the Church's doing. For the most part they were the

only institution to make education available during that 1000 years. The letter from the House merely says they don't have the resources to make their sources available to everyone and points out that most of them are available elsewhere. Take your prejudices somewhere else!

Then how would she explain the case of John Wycliffe, who translated the Vulgate into English and was condemned by the Catholic Church for doing that, among other things that challenged its dogmas?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wycliffe#The_English_Bible

> In keeping with Wycliffe's belief that scripture was the only authoritative reliable guide to the truth about God, he became involved in efforts to translate the Bible into English. While Wycliffe is credited, it is not possible exactly to define his part in the translation, which was based on the Vulgate.[30] There is no doubt that it was his initiative, and that the success of the project was due to his leadership. From him comes the translation of the New Testament, which was smoother, clearer, and more readable than the rendering of the Old Testament by his friend Nicholas of Hereford. The whole was revised by Wycliffe's younger contemporary John Purvey in 1388.
>
> There still exist about 150 manuscripts, complete or partial, containing the translation in its revised form. From this, one may easily infer how widely diffused it was in the 15th century. For this reason the Wycliffites in England were often designated by their opponents as "Bible men".

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wycliffe#Declared_a_heretic

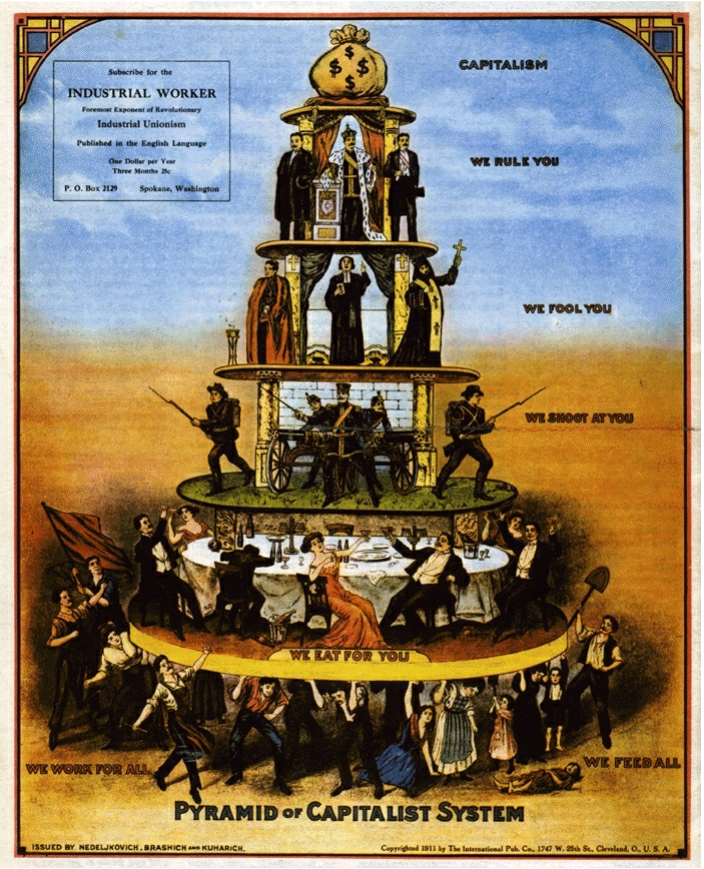
> The Council of Constance declared Wycliffe a heretic on 4 May 1415, and banned his writings, effectively both excommunicating him retroactively and making him an early forerunner of Protestantism. The Council decreed that Wycliffe's works should be burned and his bodily remains removed from consecrated ground. This order, confirmed by Pope Martin V, was carried out in 1428.[9] Wycliffe's corpse was exhumed and burned and the ashes cast into the River Swift, which flows through Lutterworth.

Indeed, Wycliffe was part of the growing trend of dissenting from Catholic dogma and practice that finally enabled Martin Luther to actually start the Protestant Reformation. One of Luther's most famous works was his translating the Bible into German. That could have been done centuries earlier.

The assertion by Maneck that "Latin was the only language of literacy" for centuries doesn't address WHY that was so, nor why literacy in general was so limited in most of Europe. It was limited by DESIGN!

Europe in the Middle Ages was dominated by a political and economic system known as feudalism, which was characterized by a strict social hierarchy. At the top were the monarchs, including kings and emperors who ruled their lands with absolute power. Below them was the nobility and the clergy who had most of the wealth and exercised power of their own over the lower classes. The next level below was the peasants who were free but were also poor. And finally in some countries there was an even lower class known as serfs, who were slaves bound to the land and forced to work on farms for little or no pay. It was in the interest of the upper classes to keep the peasants and serfs uneducated, since an educated population would be more likely to question authority and tradition and demand better lives for themselves.

Here's an illustration of how that hierarchy may have functioned (indeed, modern capitalism is directly descended from feudalism):


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You'd think that Ms. Maneck, who is supposed to be a historian, would know that!

Repeating a point of hers:

> The letter from the House merely says they don't have the resources to make their sources available to everyone and points out that most of them are available elsewhere.

First, what resources would the House of Justice need? And how exactly did the House of Justice come to this conclusion?

Second, even in the House of Justice's response to Maneck it did not specify examples of such outside sources.

Indeed, the very idea that historical documents relating to the early times of the Bab and Baha'u'llah are not suitable for exposure to the public smacks of a lack of transparency that one would only expect from scammers and tyrants, not credible leaders!

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SUSPENDED FROM REDDIT!

On the afternoon of Friday, November 22, 2019, I got this message:

> Your account has been suspended from Reddit for posting personal information. The suspension will last 3 day(s).
>
> > Wahid Azal addresses his critics
> > by inexbahai
>
> This is an automated message; responses will not be received by Reddit admins.

What personal information did I reveal? That was not made clear to me. Fortunately, I still have the original post in my files, so here it is.

WAHID AZAL ADDRESSES HIS CRITICS

After Wahid Azal was banned from this subreddit and he responded to that with a YouTube podcast, I made a blog entry expressing my fury at what I saw as his betrayal of me.

https://dalehusband.com/2019/09/02/wahid-azal-slanders-me-and-others-in-reddit/

He saw it and made a comment on my WordPress blog, and it was thrown into its SPAM folder automatically, which may give you an idea of how credible his attitude is. In any case, I also found it in my email and have decided to share it here. If the moderators find this inappropriate, they may delete it. Did I mention how ANGRY I am about all this?

> *Neither you, nor Christian ex-Bahai, let alone the dodgy moderators of that place, have correctly addressed a single indictment of your duplicitous behavior. I stand by what I said, and others seem to agree about your lot over there as well https://www.reddit.com/r/BAYAN/comments/cycea7/lets_talk_about_exbahai/ (not that consensus changes anything since facts stand on their own regardless who disagrees or agrees with them). You and Christian ex-Bahai are especially blind to what you say and do. But that goes with the territory of being self-righteous WASPs, so kindly stop playing the violin. Then again, white victim-playing when called out on white duplicitly always plays by the same playbook: reverse narrativization, victim blaming and gaslighting. Also, Christian Ex-Bahai still doesn't understand what gaslighting means.*
>
> *Now, let's look at your particular kind of white duplicity and dishonesty, one that people of color deal with 24/7 in a multitude of contexts with always the same reactions from you people: DENIAL and gaslighting.*
>
> 1. *You brown-nosed on the very first comment of this post https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cxhzog/measures_to_restore_civility/ . It was after your stupid comment which I got rid of you from the moderation of realexbahais because at*

this point you have demonstrated that you are an asshole not to be trusted. So you have yourself to blame, and the facts demonstrate that the betraying was all your own — not mine. I cut weak links and don't keep them.

2. *As I have maintained for years, the superstructure and bases of Bahaism is rooted in the white Anglo-Saxon global imperial project with its capitalism. I began the podcast by offering the quote from De Tocqueville that speaks to precisely what is driving people like you, Christian Ex-Bahai as well as Scott Hakala. Then I offered social psychological analyses showing that people like you and Christian Ex-Bahai are really spiritual tourists and how what you people understand by "pluralism" is merely free market ideology masquerading as something else. I offered the link to Joseph Massad's latest book that addresses these very same issues. All of these points you and your Evangelical Christian friend have ignored in almost exactly the same kind of terms that Baha'i cultists ignore points.*

3. *Which leads me to this point: indeed, while it is not enough to merely "bash Baha'ism", without addressing the base and superstructure from which Bahaism subsists, this "bashing" is only telling a part of the story. I agree. But you are not interested in the other side of the story because it indicts your entire society and way of life as being what fuels the Haifan Baha'i cult because your interests (per your UU adherence) lies with perpetuating the white middle-class Anglo-Saxon imperial fallacy in its "liberal" form via the UU packaging. In other words, you are peddling Americanism, which is the real enemy here with Bahaism merely being one of its many colonial franchises, hence why my approach to these questions makes people like yourself unconformable and thus makes your own approach to "bashing Bahaism" ultimately irrelevant, only playing into the system's hands, and more of the same.*

4. *Repeatedly you have made Islamophobic statements and asides. The fact that you now call me an "extremist" also now reinforces the fact and goes to the very heart of the white racism that animates your thinking about literally all of these issues and why you cannot be an ally to what I am about. Be that as it may, there is no such thing as reverse bigotry or reverse racism. Here is why. Learn something https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw_mRaIHb-M .*

I'm not going to waste my time answering most of his charges. But I will say this:

He has no business accusing anyone else of duplicity after what he did with me weeks ago! He was only angry at me because I did not abandon this subreddit after he was banned from it..... and he should have known I would stay here from the beginning.

And then I discover this:
http://nathanabookire.blogspot.com/2018/09/i-nathan-abookire-aka-nate-abookire.html?m=1

> September 22, 2018
>
> I, Nathan Abookire, aka Nate Abookire, independent theology student and comparative religionist, go on record as having fallen afoul of a certain [name omitted] aka Wahid Azal. This man has consistently libeled me, violated my copyright on my personal photographs and used such to abuse and defame me. He is a cyberstalker and a cyber bully.
>
> The following photos he has abused against my will were taken by myself and I own their copyright:

After what I have experienced, I believe him. I don't believe in Wahid Azal anymore. I've been backstabbed so many times in my life that I can just add him to my list of personal traitors. I never want to see or hear from

him again.

Here are the comments that came with that post:

> Christian-ExBahai
>
> I don't feel any need to answer to any of his accusations. I think he's a very intelligent man who has lost his grip on reality due in part to racism against white Americans, and I find that sad. I'm sorry he's going through such a traumatic time, especially with the recent passing of his wife, and the shock of being banned from this subreddit, and I hope for his spiritual, mental, emotional healing.
>
> Dale_Husband_HS
>
> > racism against white Americans
>
> You noticed that too? I certainly think bigotry can come from anyone and be aimed at anyone else. And the concept of "reverse bigotry or reverse racism" is indeed bogus.
>
> A Jew can be an Islamophobe if he champions the expulsion of Muslims from Palestine. In that case, the anti-Semitism often aimed at Jews is not an issue.
>
> A so-called radical feminist can be an anti-transgender bigot, attacking them because they happened to have been born with male parts but identify as female as an adult. The sexism often aimed at women by men is irrelevant here.
>
> Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe carried out racist policies against whites still living in his country. The anti-black racism that fueled imperialism in Africa is irrelevant here.
>
> The moment you smear an entire group of people with attacks, instead of dealing with people as individuals, you are a bigot. And ALL bigotry is deplorable and should never be excused, even if the group the bigot belongs to has also been victimized in the past by other bigots.
>
> Dale_Husband_HS
>
> > the recent passing of his wife
>
> Remember who was the one who brought news of her death to this subreddit?
>
> > the shock of being banned from this subreddit
>
> Which he brought all upon himself. He could have ignored the ridiculous postings of Mustagath. I think Mustagath delibrately pulled his stunts to piss off Wahid and start trouble. If I had been Wahid, I would have blocked Mustagath the moment he started posting about the Bab and other early Babis to smear them.
>
> i-Aqdas_Cola
>
> > I think Mustagath delibrately pulled his stunts to piss off Wahid and start trouble.
>
> You only think?
>
> I went through Mustagath's post history after I heard about this and it's very very obvious that it's exactly what he was doing. I doubt that he turned up randomly uninvited too, someone like that doesn't turn up out of the blue to spread hate speech like that only to get a top poster (Wahid) of the sub (which is not a large one either) banned, just by coincidence.

Dale_Husband_HS

It is against reddit rules to state another's real name openly. You can ask about that privately.

{{{I find it ironic that I was punished for doing something I didn't intend to do, especially after I admonished another member for doing that same thing. I suspect that I was set up with a completely false claim, much like YouTube users may use **bogus copyright claims** against videos they dislike to wrongly silence opposition.}}}

Christian-ExBahai

I respected him as well when I met him online years ago.

However . . .

In the post above I'm accused as follows:

"self-righteous WASP" "white victim-playing when called out on white duplicity" "reverse narrativization, victim blaming and gaslighting" "white duplicity and dishonesty" "DENIAL and gaslighting" "spiritual tourist" "peddling Americanism, which is the real enemy here with Bahaism merely being one of its many colonial franchises" "Islamophobic statements and asides" "white racism that animates your thinking"

What is that all about????

I seriously don't understand this..... it is a very different way of thinking than what I'm into, which is peace, love, and caring for others..... Holy Spirit, Jesus, Almighty God... Blessed Trinity... the indwelling Spirit of the Lord... the fruits of the Spirit... those are the things I think about as I go about my day trying to get stuff done.

None of what Wahid wrote in the comment above that he left on Dale's blog actually applies to me, and I can't appreciate the mentality of anyone who would level accusations like these at someone.

Clearly his way of thinking and mine are very different. I don't see any way to bridge the gap.. I can only pray and leave this in the hands of God.

{{{It's not "thinking" at all, actually, but a clear case of pathological lying and verbal abuse.}}}

i-Aqdas_Cola

Lol, you're a joke.

Himomitscj

It's too bad all this transpired. Wahid brought a wealth of knowledge to the group.

Dale_Husband_HS

I know, but he also did a lot of damage to our credibility. Most notably with this claim:

> *the superstructure and bases of Bahaism is rooted in the white Anglo-Saxon global imperial project with its capitalism.*

Maybe that would be credible if he was talking about Mormonism, which was indeed founded by a white racist American. But the Baha'i Faith was founded by someone who had NO ties to America at all, let alone the Anglo-Saxon culture. Plus his claim that the moderators of this subreddit were "gatekeeping",

as if trying to keep things peaceful here is a bad thing! We cannot have productive discussions in the midst of chaos!

And his attacks on UUism are especially hurtful because it was being a UU that made me strong enough to start slamming the Baha'i Faith to begin with!

Sometimes, you have to cut off a finger to save the rest of a hand.

i-Aqdas_Cola

More than anyone else I've ever seen in this group, IMHO. It's truly disappointing on the part of this sub, most of my interest in this sub has faded into oblivion now.

{{{Clearly, this guy was one of Wahid Azal's sycophants. Screw him!}}}

samanwilson

The individual under question is himself one of the most Islamophobic people that comes on this sub. Whenever he is confronted with the violent nature of the Bab, his response has always been to claim Islam is even more violent and interpret verses in the same way that only Salafi's or hardcore Islamophobes do.

In Islam and many other major faiths and philosophies, knowledge is not just memorizing a bunch of facts. Knowledge has practical effects on the way a person behaves. Specifically, a knowledgeable person is able to restrain their anger and control their behavior. This person clearly fails on both counts. Let's not waste anymore time on him.

komorikomori

> The individual under question is himself one of the most Islamophobic people that comes on this sub.

You are literally repeating an accusation which this Sunni troll, who was brown-nosing to the Baha'is, made a while back, namely that Wahid is somehow an 'Islamophobe'.

> Whenever he is confronted with the violent nature of the Bab, his response has always been to claim Islam is even more violent and interpret verses in the same way that only Salafi's or hardcore Islamophobes do.

That's not what Wahid says at all. This is his main point:

> *While such passages in the works of the Point make contemporary Western liberals and their fellow travelers squeamish, there is nothing here (as far as scripture goes) that wasn't present in far more explicit form in earlier scriptures.*

Moreover, are Salafis also Islamophobes in your mind, samanwilson? Would you consider Denis MacEoin, who is the main author of this myth of the Bab as a fanatical terrorist, an Islamophobe as well? For his methodology in interpreting the violent verses of the Qur'an and the violent verses in the Bayan is exactly the same, and he comes to the same kind of violent conclusions with his analysis of jihad in the Bayan as in his analysis of jihad in Islam:

> In general, there would appear to have been a gradual movement from injunctions to fight on a defensive basis to more explicitly aggressive ordinances in the later years of the Prophet's life. The early period seems to have been characterized by a certain distinction between the military

> role of *jihād* on the one hand and religious conversion by peaceful means on the other: 'there is no compulsion in religion' [Qur'an 2:256] [...] Following the capture of Mecca, an unremitting war against all idolaters was enjoined on the Muslim community: 'When the sacred months are past, slay the idolaters wherever you may come upon them, and seize them, and lay siege to them, and prepare ambushes for them; but if they are converted and perform the obligatory prayer and pay the alms-tax, then leave their way open' [Qur'an 9:5]. Jews and Christians, who had previously been looked on with some favour, were regarded now as, for the most part, unbelievers (*kuffār*) and enemies of Islam, and war against them was prescribed, until they would pay a submission tax or impost known as *jizya*. Islam was to be the universal religion, before which all others were to give way: 'He (God) it is Who has sent His messenger with guidance and with the true religion, that He may make it supreme over all religions, even though the unbelievers may be averse to it' [Qur'an 9:33, 48:29]; 'fight then until mischief is at an end and all religion may belong to God' [Qur'an 8:39] [...] [T]his duty cannot be relaxed until the faith of Islam holds universal sway or 'until the Day of Resurrection' [...] [T]heoretically, therefore, a state of perpetual war exists between the Islamic world and the rest of mankind.

- MacEoin, *The Messiah of Shiraz*, pp. 456-458.

The reality is that you can only hold the Bayan accountable for the same kind of material that is present in the Qur'an if you are already prejudiced against Islam in some way, or you're obsessed with making an ancient tradition compatible with 21st Century ethics of warfare. This approach begins with the proposition, 'modernity = good,' and so if religion is to be good, then it must be compatible with modernity, which is utterly ridiculous.

samanwilson

The Bab was a false Prophet, the Bayan is a false book. The Bab is the person most responsible for the blight on the world called the Baha'i faith. You can reach this conclusion from a traditionalist approach or a modern one.

As I said, the only way Babis can advance their claims us by trying to drag everyone else into the mud that is their religion. The dichotomy between either a misguided liberal sanitizer or Salafi takfiri shows how little you and Wahid understand about Islam.

komorikomori

The Bab is not responsible for the existence of the Baha'i Faith— that's not a logical conclusion—and nowhere did I say that those are the only possible approaches to Islam. My point is that if you read the Qur'an in the same way you read the Bayan, you'll come to the conclusion that Islam is a violent, evil religion as well. There is a double standard at work here.

Dale_Husband_HS

Yes, the same double standard that fuels Christian fundamentalism and Jewish Orthodoxy; the Bible also has violent, intolerant passages, just as the Quran does. You can simply dismiss those passages as products of their time and STOP TRYING TO APPLY THEM TO ISSUES OF TODAY. What happened in the past should no longer be repeated.

Justinherchel

I really do not understand, what religion does Wahid Azal subscribe to?

Dale_Husband_HS

He is a Babi or Bayani, the religion founded by the Bab. Baha'is began as a split from the Babis.

Justinherchel

thank you.

Just before my suspension, I confronted another of Wahid Azal's sycophants here:

Video : "The Bab is not Imam Mahdi"
byu/MirzaJan inexbahai

Which in turn led me to this:

https://wahidazal.blogspot.com/2019/11/reddits-exbahai-as-purveyor-of-anti.html

Recently Naser Emtesali, who writes under the alias MirzaJan on reddit, produced a very silly anti-Babi screed on Youtube.....

And.....he doesn't prove that identity at all.

However, what is interesting is that right after Stephan Beyer posted on Reddit claiming the piece regurgitates Baha'i lies on the subject, UU exbahai gatekeeper DaleHusband made an underhanded comment tacitly supporting the video which reveals what I have said about that place such that white liberal American exbahais are in an open alliance with fundamentalist anti-Babi Muslims connected to the regime in Iran in pushing an anti-Babi narrative. As I have also maintained, this tactic seeks to help none other than the Baha'is themselves maintain their false narrative over the entire subject. So it was quite revealing for Dale Husband to immediately jump on Stephan Beyer's poignant criticism, as this reveals the disingenuous nature of that place which, despite pretensions to the contrary, is openly serving none other than the agendas of the Haifan Baha'i cult itself.

My response to that bullshyt as posted in reddit:

Dale_Husband_HS

What is so underhanded about asking someone to support a claim that is made?

What the hell is a "gatekeeper"?

How was I supporting the video?

The rest of that is such convoluted word salad that I literally can't make sense of it.

Wahid Azal was expelled from this subreddit for a damn good reason: His repeated attacks on people who

should have been his best allies made ALL OF US look crazy and ridiculous. It gives support to the claim by Baha'is that this subreddit is full of hateful scumbags that have no genuine principles.

If I were as paranoid as Wahid himself, I'd be accusing "StephanBeyer" of being a sockpuppet of Wahid himself. But I assume no such thing. Their writing styles look different to me.

Wahid went from being **one of my best allies** to being **an enemy in only ONE MONTH**, a clear sign of insanity that may one day get him completely destroyed if he picks a fight with someone in power that can really take him down.

{{{Be that as it may, I suggest in the future you criticize from a place where you actually correctly source such canards rather than come out half-cocked and be revealed for an intellectual fraud just like your racist southern Baptist friend Dale Husband.}}}

Wahid, look in a goddamn mirror, you wretched @$$hole! You are even less credible than most of us and always have been so!

When I return to reddit, I will want revenge. Wahid Azal is clearly a threat to the ex-Baha'i community there, as much as any Baha'i has ever been and we must find a way to stop that threat.

Dale_Husband_HS

Alert: Stephan Beyer attacked me **on my own Facebook timeline** (I deleted his most offensive comment) after I friended him, causing me to unfriend him. He then tried to bring the fight he started into **a group I moderate**, causing me to expel him from it and then block him completely after he sent me messages rather than take the hint that he was being as much of a hateful @$$hole as Wahid Azal!

{{{ Stephan Beyer: how was I bashing all Americans? how did I insult you?}}}

{{{ Dale Husband: Seriously??? You attacked both my nationality and my religion by calling both agents of imperialism (I do agree that America HAS acted as am empire at times but UUism has nothing to do with that) and you think that not insulting? It's not just insulting, it's BIGOTRY on your part and I won't tolerate that. Then you made things worse by dragging our fallling out into the Political Junkies group to get other people involved. That's outrageous!}}}

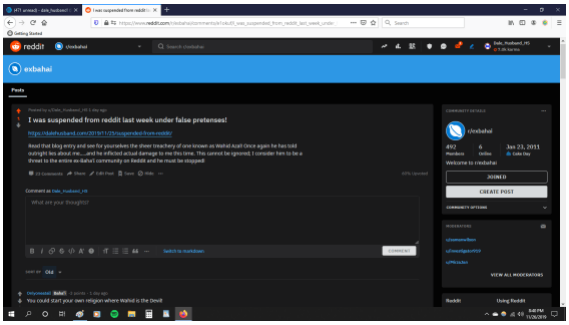
{{{ Stephan Beyer: wow. you have a group called pollical junkies and find what I did outrageous. mabey it should be called political conformists. but thank you for the response.}}}

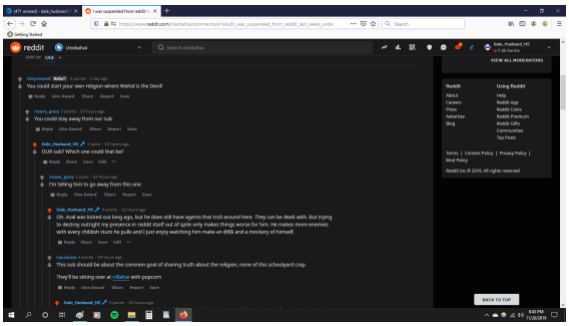
Such immature arrogance! Like Azal, he clearly thinks nearly all white Americans should be punished for the crimes of their ancestors. And I'm calling him out on that bigotry!

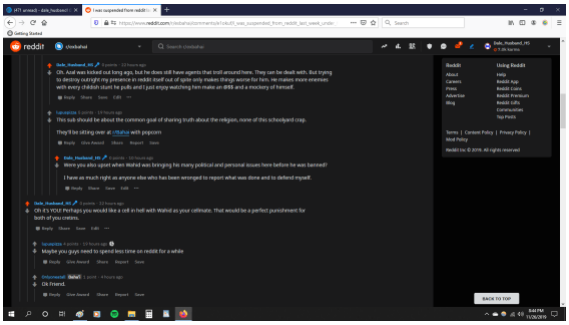
I think that was the REAL reason I was targeted for suspension from reddit: for calling Stephan Beyer out on his treachery and warning the admins of the exbahai subreddit about it. The post I made two months earlier was merely the excuse Wahid gave to the reddit operators to get rid of me.

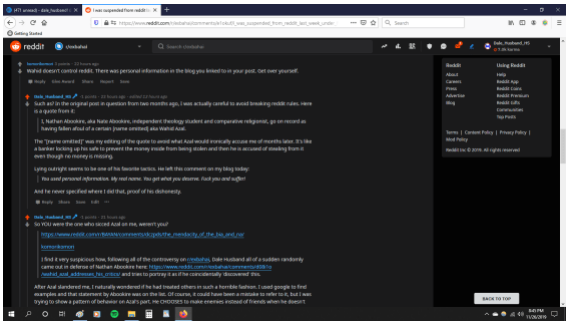
UPDATE: As I planned, right after my suspension from reddit ended (Monday, November 25, 2019), I stormed back into the exbahai subreddit and confronted head-on the Azali cultists that still infest that place, despite their ringleader being banned from it months ago. I recorded the battle with those bastards in several screenshots.

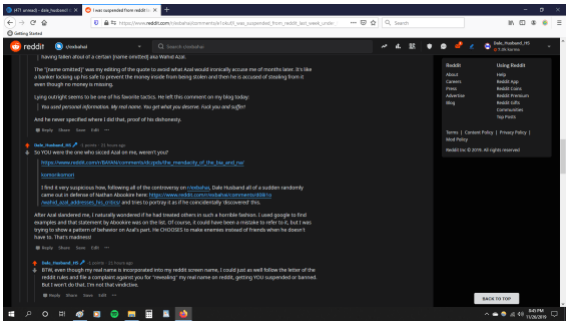
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by inexbahai

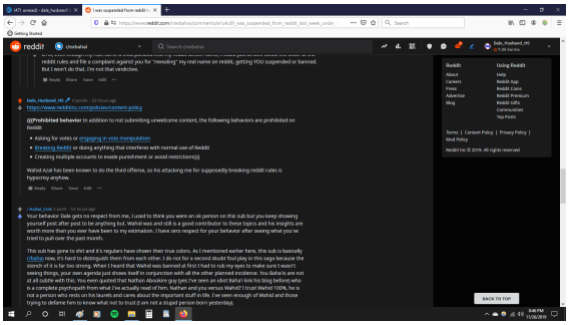


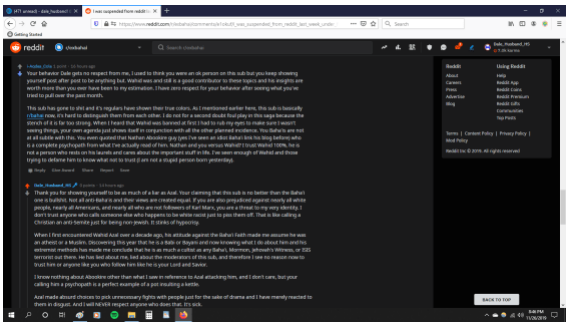


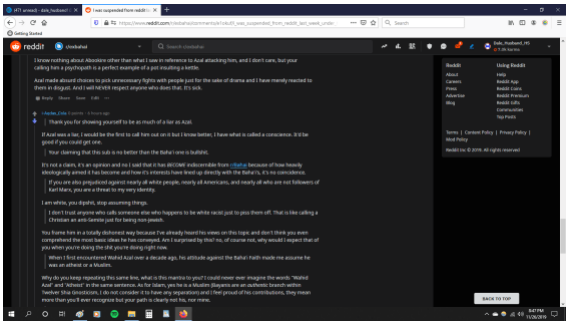


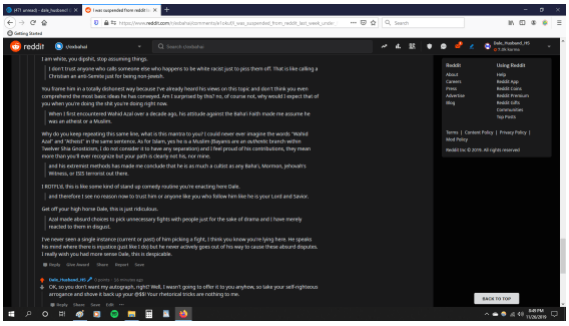




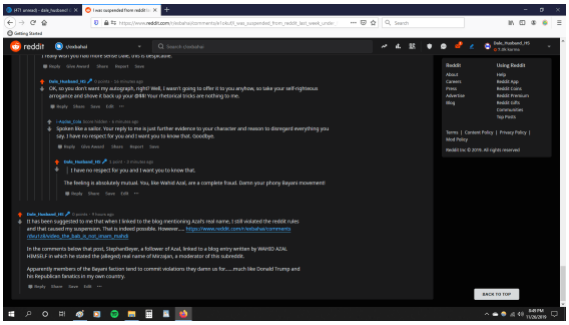






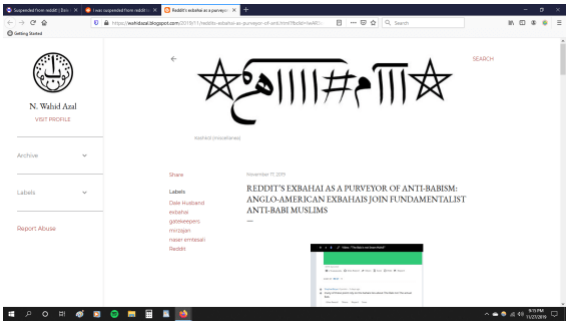


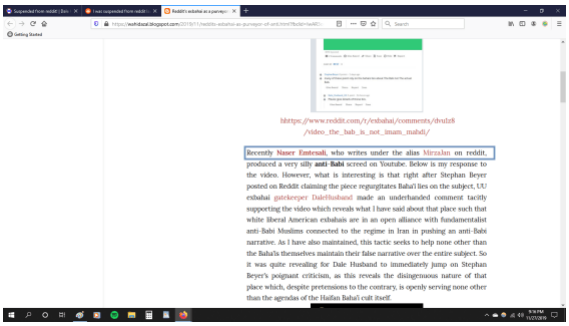
I bided my time until they had made plenty of absurd attacks on me and then I blew them completely away with one last comment:



Finally, here are screenshots from Wahid's blog showing his hypocrisy, in case he deletes it later:

https://wahidazal.blogspot.com/2019/11/reddits-exbahai-as-purveyor-of-anti.html




Recently Naser Emtesali, who writes under the alias Mirzalan on reddit, produced a very silly anti-Babi screed on Youtube. Below is my response to the video. However, what is interesting is that right after Stephan Beyer posted on Reddit claiming the piece regurgitates Baha'i lies on the subject, UU exbahai gatekeeper DaleHusband made an underhanded comment tacitly supporting the video which reveals what I have said about that place such that white liberal American exbahais are in an open alliance with fundamentalist anti-Babi Muslims connected to the regime in Iran in pushing an anti-Babi narrative. As I have also maintained, this tactic seeks to help none other than the Baha'is themselves maintain their false narrative over the entire subject. So it was quite revealing for Dale Husband to immediately jump on Stephan Beyer's poignant criticism, as this reveals the disingenuous nature of that place which, despite pretensions to the contrary, is openly serving none other than the agendas of the Haifan Baha'i cult itself.

I, Dale Husband, the Honorable Skeptic, do hereby rest my case!

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THE ABSURDITY OF THE "ORTHODOX BAHA'I" CLAIMS.

This is a direct sequel to **I am NOT an "Orthodox" Baha'i!**

I recently found a small group on reddit devoted to the teachings of a faction of Baha'is called "Orthodox". This was one of the groups arising from the attempt by Hand of the Cause of God Charles Mason Remey to take over the Baha'i Faith in 1960 by claiming to be its second Guardian.

https://www.reddit.com/r/orthodoxbahai/

I looked into it and then made a crosspost between it and the exbahai subreddit with this:

> The Orthodox Baha'i position on the Covenant
> by inexbahai

This prompted a member of the first group to come in ours to defend his beliefs.

> Dale_Husband_HS
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> Question: Knowing that Shoghi Effendi was supposed to appoint his successor in his lifetime and also knowing that he never identified Charles Mason Remey as his successor, how can anyone believing in Remey as the second Guardian be considered faithful to the Covenant of the Baha'i Faith?
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> ReliableInformant
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> The Star of The West", Vol. V, No. 19 "Verily, I beseech God to make thee confirmed under all circumstances. Do not become despondent, neither be thou sad. ERE LONG, THY LORD GOD SHALL MAKE THEE A SIGN OF GUIDANCE AMONG MANKIND.
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> Mr. Husband, I ask you to be fair minded and help me understand if there is something opaque or obscure about Abdu'l Baha stating to Mason Remey that in the future he would be a sign of guidance among mankind.
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> The substance of the Orthodox Baha'i argument is that in the appointment of Mason Remey as President of the International Baha'i Council (nascent Universal House of Justice) in the only proclamation of his ministry to the Baha'i World in 1951, Shoghi Effendi openly named his successor.
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> In this way Shoghi Effendi used this "nascent institution" as the instrument through which he was to identify his successor (in cable of 2 March 1951).
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> As the third Guardian, Joel Bray Marangella stated, this was a veiled appointment as the consternation of the Baha'i World would be great if they understood the implications of Shoghi Effendi naming a man almost 25 years his senior as perhaps a foreshadowing of his early death. Shoghi Effendi dies of influenza at age 61 and Mason Remey lives to be just short of 100.
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> Dale_Husband_HS
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openly named his successor.

Strange that Shoghi Effendi's widow never got that memo. Both Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha named their successors explicitly and in writing. The Guardian did not. If the President of the International Baha'i Council was to be the next Guardian, why wouldn't the Guardian himself take that position and have Mason Remey be his Vice-President?

Shoghi Effendi naming a man almost 25 years his senior as perhaps a foreshadowing of his early death.

Seriously? No matter when you expect to die, it is logical to appoint someone your own age or younger to take your place. But not TOO young, like Abdu'-Baha did when he appointed Shoghi Effendi himself.

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The International Baha'i Council was an inactive institution, only to be brought into life with the death of the first Guardian, Shoghi Effendi and the second Guardian, Mason Remey, being the President of the IBC (nascent UHJ) and proceeding with what might have been a seamless continuation of the Executive Branch over a nascent UHJ.

Dale_Husband_HS

Right, so we can just throw out what was written in the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha, eh?

> **O ye beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:—"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him.**
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> **The Hands of the Cause of God must elect from their own number nine persons that shall at all times be occupied in the important services in the work of the Guardian of the Cause of God. The election of these nine must be carried either unanimously or by majority from the company of the Hands of the Cause of God and these, whether unanimously or by a majority vote, must give their assent to the choice of the one whom the Guardian of the Cause of God hath chosen as his successor. This assent must be given in such wise as the assenting and dissenting voices may not be distinguished (i.e., secret ballot).**

The position of the Haifan Baha'is is that Mason Remey was not a branch, only a Hand of the Cause of God. His appointment as President of the International Baha'i Council wasn't also an appointment to the Guardianship because Shoghi Effendi never said anything like that. And the nine Hands of the Cause that were elected to be Custodians of the Faith, including Mason Remey, voted to reject Remey's claim to the Guardianship, as they were empowered to do.

Mason Remey was no more authorized to claim the Guardianship than anyone else in 1960. It is telling that

since that time, the Remeyite faction of Baha'is have splintered over other claims. Remey did nothing to stop that, showing his lack of effective leadership.

> **O friends! The Hands of the Cause of God must be nominated and appointed by the Guardian of the Cause of God. All must be under his shadow and obey his command. Should any, within or without the company of the Hands of the Cause of God disobey and seek division, the wrath of God and His vengeance will be upon him, for he will have caused a breach in the true Faith of God.**

After Shoghi Effendi died in 1957, the Hands of the Cause of God decided to follow this provision of the Will and Testament, despite there being no one appointed as the second Guardian. Nine of their number were thus elected to be "Custodians of the Baha'i Faith", including Charles Mason Remey. Then in 1960, Remey tried to take over the Faith for himself by claiming to be the second Guardian, despite NO indication from Shoghi Effendi that this was ever intended. Remey and those who sided with him were expelled from the Baha'i community as a result.
Since Shoghi Effendi did not obey Abdul-Baha, as I showed, that may have justified in Remey's mind his attempt to claim the Guardianship despite not being a descendant of Baha'ullah. In this case, he simply lost a popularity contest.

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1). Branch has only spiritual significance here, i.e. male Baha'i. Shoghi Effendi had excommunicated all male members of his family so, of course, blood relevance is irrelevant as interpreting a blood descendent of the Prophet to wear the mantle of Guardianship is not possible. 2). The Custodians are an institution made up of whole cloth and not a part of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l Baha. Mason Remey is on a runaway train with Ruhiyyih Khanum supporting the Persian Hands that the Guardianship had come to an end and God had changed his mind (Bada). He is the only Hand not giving way to the specious argument that God had changed His mind. 3). Assent of the Hands (as interpreted by the third Guardian, Joel B. Marangella) is a public acknowledgement of the Guardian's choice of successor (Not unlike the Knights of the Round Table). Certainly the vassals of the King are not in a position to thwart his choice of successor.

Below is an excerpt from Joel B. Marangella's Ridvan Message of 2005.

Mason Remey has recorded in his Dairy titled, "Daily Observations" that Shoghi Effendi never directed him to activate the Council under his Presidency during the remaining years of his ministry, although Shoghi Effendi did assign individual tasks to members of the Council and he had himself acted as Shoghi Effendi's representative in meetings with officials of the Government of Israel. Although Shoghi Effendi had limited the initial functions of the Council to the Holy Land and to relations with the Government of Israel, he stated that: "To these will be added further functions in the course of the evolution of this first embryonic International Institution marking its evolution into officially recognized Bahá'í Court, its transformation into a duly elected body, its efflorescence into the Universal House of Justice."

Of significance and puzzling at the time, was the fact that Shoghi Effendi, in a message of 8 March 1952, announced the appointment of Rúhíyyih Khánum as his "chosen liaison" with the Council. It was only some eight years later and some three years following the passing of Shoghi Effendi that it became clear why Shoghi Effendi had found it necessary to appoint a "chosen liaison" with the Council, even though six of its members permanently resided in Haifa and he met them every evening at the dinner table. It then too, became obvious why Shoghi Effendi had never instructed Mason Remey, as its President, to convene this embryonic Council

into an actively functioning administrative body during the remaining years of his ministry. For had he done so, he would have had to depose Mason Remey as its President (a permanent appointment and not a temporary one) because, according to the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, only the Guardian of the Faith presides permanently as the " sacred head" of the Universal House of Justice, albeit brought into life in its embryonic form. For, as 'Abdu'l-Bahá has stated, "The embryo possesses from the first all perfections. . .in one word, all the powers. . ." (BWF, p. 313)

Shoghi Effendi, in his message of 23 November 1951, outlined the projected "added further functions" of the Council which would be assumed sometime during the period of the Ten Year Global Crusade scheduled to commence at Ridván 1953, when he stated: that this "Master Plan designed by 'Abdu'l-Bahá will embrace the continents of the earth, and will bring the Central Body directing these widely ramified operations into direct contact with all the National Assemblies of the Bahá'í world, which in varying degrees, will have to contribute their share to the world establishment of the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh, as prophesied by 'Abdu'l-Bahá and envisioned by Daniel. . ." As direction of the National Spiritual Assemblies would require the Council to become an actively functioning body that would have been presided over by Shoghi Effendi, himself, if he had not appointed Mason Remey as its President, Shoghi Effendi, obviously had been aware that his own passing was destined to take place before the expiration of the Ten Year Global Crusade and therefore, in preparing this message, had forecast in this indirect way his own early demise which actually took place six years later in November 1957 at mid-point of the Ten Year Crusade.

There can be no question that "CENTRAL BODY" referred to in Shoghi Effendi's message above could be none other than the International Bahá'í Council, as it certainly did not apply to the Hands of the Cause, the first contingent of twelve living Hands having been appointed by Shoghi Effendi a month following the issuance of this message on 24 December 1951.

Notwithstanding the very clear intention of Shoghi Effendi, as undeniably shown in his message quoted above, that the International Bahá'í Council would be the body"directing" the "widely ramified operations" of the National Spiritual Assemblies involved in the prosecution of the goals of the Ten Year Global Crusade and thereby clearly require the services of the three secretaries of the International Bahá'í Council, specifically appointed by Shoghi Effendi for this purpose, these secretaries never wrote a single letter to the National Spiritual Assemblies during this Crusade. For, they were prevented from doing so for the reasons discussed below.

The Hands of the Cause at the time of Shoghi Effendi's passing, whose number had increased to twenty-seven through additional appointments, inexcusably failed to recognize the position of the International Bahá'í Council, potentially at the time of its appointment, as the supreme administrative body in the Bahá'í Administrative Order, as they had either overlooked, ignored, or completely forgotten the tremendous importance Shoghi Effendi had placed on the formation of the International Bahá'í Council in his Proclamation and his subsequent message of 30 June 1952 confirming that this International Council was nothing less than the embryonic Universal House of Justice when he stated that "at long last the machinery of its highest institutions has been erected and around whose most holy shrines the supreme organs of its unfolding Order, are in their embryonic form, unfolding."

The failure of the Hands, upon the passing of Shoghi Effendi, to recognize that this embryonic Universal House of Justice could now emerge into active life and take over direction of the National Spiritual Assemblies in their prosecution of the goals of the Ten Year Global Crusade, as envisaged in Shoghi Effendi's message of 23 November 1951, coupled with their loss of Faith in the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh and in the immortality of the divinely-conceived "Child of the Covenant" —the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'-Bahá— as a result of their

misguided search for a will and testament left by Shoghi Effendi, inevitably doomed to failure, as Shoghi Effendi was obligated to appoint his successor "in his own life-time" according to the explicit terms of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, led to their fateful decision to declare the Guardianship of the Faith forever ended. They then further incredulously deluded themselves into believing that they had become the sole heirs of Shoghi Effendi's authority until such time as they would prematurely call for the election of a Universal House of Justice of their own making, during Ridván 1963 and although minus the Guardian as its "sacred head" still pretend it to be and foist it upon an unsuspecting Bahá'í World as the same Institution delineated by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in His Will and Testament.

Although the Hands of the Cause have no administrative responsibilities under the terms of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, they seized complete control over the affairs of the Faith, established an illicit body of nine Hands which they gave the appellation of "The Custodians of the Bahá'í World Faith," subordinated the International Council to this body, and, contrary to the intentions of Shoghi Effendi, as expressed in his message of 23 November 1951, took over the direction of the National Spiritual Assemblies in their prosecution of the goals of the Ten Year Global Crusade, as evidenced in the book that was subsequently published under the title of "The Ministry of the Custodians, 1957-1963."

As a result, neither the Secretary General of the International Bahá'í Council or his two assistant Secretaries ever wrote a letter to the National Spiritual Assemblies pertaining to achieving the goals of the Ten Year Global Crusade. If, on the other hand, this supreme Council—the embryonic Universal House of Justice—established by Shoghi Effendi had been permitted to function and evolve through the successive stages that he had outlined, the Hands of the Cause would have come to realize that the irremovable head of this body appointed by Shoghi Effendi, could be none other than his appointed successor and that it was, in this indirect way (chosen to veil from the believers the imminence of his passing) that Shoghi Effendi had clearly and undeniably provided for the continuance of the Guardianship, in faithful compliance with the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Dale_Husband_HS

You realize that almost no Haifan Baha'i would EVER accept as valid your claims and opinions, how much less likely someone who rejects the Baha'i Faith completely. But I still thank you for coming here and spelling out the Orthodox Baha'i positions with such clarity. I will thus end on that note and wish you farewell.

That last comment was actually a diplomatic means of telling him to STFU and GTFO.

And HERE I will answer *his absurdities* with **my responses**.

Branch has only spiritual significance here, i.e. male Baha'i. Shoghi Effendi had excommunicated all male members of his family so, of course, blood relevance is irrelevant as interpreting a blood descendent of the Prophet to wear the mantle of Guardianship is not possible.

There is nothing in the writings of the Central Figures of the Faith or its (first) Guardian to indicate that. That seems to be a rationalization made up after the fact to explain what Mason Remey did in 1960. That Shoghi Effendi expelled all his relatives doesn't change the meaning of words in the Baha'i Writings. It just made him an irrational asshole

The Custodians are an institution made up of whole cloth and not a part of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l Baha.

And the International Baha'i Council wasn't?! Why didn't Shoghi Effendi just call for the Universal House of Justice to be elected directly around 1950 instead of taking these little baby steps? If there were already a dozen or so National Spiritual Assemblies by that time, the UHJ could have been

elected then and the Guardian would have fulfilled the provisions of Abdu'-Baha's Will and Testament.

Assent of the Hands (as interpreted by the third Guardian, Joel B. Marangella) is a public acknowledgement of the Guardian's choice of successor (Not unlike the Knights of the Round Table). Certainly the vassals of the King are not in a position to thwart his choice of successor.

Bullshit. The vassals of a King can act to prevent an unworthy person from becoming the next King if they see that the first King is mistaken in his choice of who should be his successor and thus force him to choose a better option. That's the concept of "checks and balances" in action.

As direction of the National Spiritual Assemblies would require the Council to become an actively functioning body that would have been presided over by Shoghi Effendi, himself, if he had not appointed Mason Remey as its President, Shoghi Effendi, obviously had been aware that his own passing was destined to take place before the expiration of the Ten Year Global Crusade and therefore, in preparing this message, had forecast in this indirect way his own early demise which actually took place six years later in November 1957 at mid-point of the Ten Year Crusade.

Again, that is absolute nonsense! If Shoghi Effendi was aware of his approaching death at age 60, what was he doing in London when he died? He could have stayed in Haifa throughout the whole Crusade and sent a Hand of the Cause of God to do what he wanted to have done there or anywhere else in the world. And he appointed a group of Hands of the Cause of God only a month before his death, while telling none of them, not even his wife, that he was going to die. Because he died in London, he had to be buried there to conform to Baha'i law. Any other religion would have had his body transported to Haifa where he spent most of his life. Awkward!

And that is why I have as much contempt for the "Orthodox Baha'is" as I do for the **SCBF**.

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THE BAHA'I LEADERSHIP IS OBSESSED WITH MARTYRDOM!

As if there were not enough disturbing things about the Baha'i Faith I once followed, now it seems its leadership, the Universal House of Justice (UHJ), has been willing to sacrifice people who believe in it for the sake of publicity!

https://bahai-library.com/uhj_dissimulation_iran_emmigrants

(Below are the excerpts from that web page that specify the problem)

1. Letter from the Universal House of Justice, 3 July 1985

> Those who have recanted their faith in order to come out of Iran should not receive the impression that after the passage of a year, by simply writing a letter of regret, they would be automatically admitted into the Bahá'í community. Each case has to be studied separately. The result of this study must be conveyed to the House of Justice, which will reach a decision on the case in question only after consultation with the friends in Iran. One of the reasons why the House of Justice is so particular about these cases is that it does not wish any person to be under the false impression that anyone can use the Faith for his own personal convenience whenever it suits his self-interest. The believers who have denied their faith in order to leave Iran should realize that they have betrayed the many steadfast Bahá'ís who, at the cost of their lives, have steadfastly refused to recant their faith.

It's almost as if the UHJ wants to have fewer followers, not more.

2. Letter of the Universal House of Justice, 8 July 1985

> The Universal House of Justice recently received a letter from the non- Bahá'í husband of a Bahá'í questioning the justice of the removal of administrative rights from Bahá'ís who deny their faith in order to leave Iran by official routes. Since this question has arisen from time to time in discussions with representatives of other organizations who are interested in the plight of Bahá'í refugees, the House of Justice felt that it might be helpful to you to have the following extracts from the reply to this enquirer.
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> "It was the approved practice for many years for Bahá'ís to leave blank the space for religion on official forms in Iran. This was not a denial of their religion, it was merely a tacit refusal to state it. In recent times, however, the authorities refused to accept forms made out in blank, and would deny passports and exit visas to anyone who entered `Bahá'í' in the appropriate spaces. In order to get such documents a Bahá'í would either have to enter `Muslim' (or one of the other recognized religions) on the forms or would have to employ an agent to do it for him. This thus became a conscious act by the Bahá'í to deny his faith, and the National Spiritual Assembly of Iran at that point warned all the believers that such an action was unacceptable.
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> ".it was permissible in Shi'ih Islam for believers to deny their faith in order to escape persecution. since the time of Bahá'u'lláh such an action has been forbidden for Bahá'ís. We do not defend our Faith by the sword, as was permissible in Islam, but Bahá'ís have always held to the principle that when challenged they should `stand up and be counted', as the modern expression is, and not purchase their safety by denying that which is most important to them in this world and the next. The principle is well known to the Iranian Bahá'ís and is upheld by the overwhelming majority of them when the penalty is martyrdom.
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> "Those Bahá'ís who have left Iran by official routes since the governmental regulations changed have made a conscious choice. While the majority of their fellow-believers have preferred to face all manner of difficulties, rather than deny their faith, these people have chosen to make this denial rather than face whatever problems were before them. They have left Iran freely, with the permission of the authorities as Muslims. They have chosen freedom and comparative ease at the cost of giving away their faith, and have got what they wanted.

Some, however, once they are free, want to have their membership in the Bahá'í community back again. The attitude of the Bahá'í institutions in refusing to immediately readmit them should not be regarded as a vindictive punishment. These institutions are simply saying: `You have shown the insincerity of your belief by denying it for your personal advantage, we are not going to readmit you to the Bahá'í community until we have some confidence that you are sincerely repentant of such an act. In the meantime you can abide by the choice you yourself have made.'

Sincerity is no virtue if it results in DEATH, after which you can do no more good in the world. Or.....is the assumption that Baha'is are imprisoned or killed in Iran for their faith not really true?

3. Letter from the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States

September 18, 1985

Among the hardships the Bahá'ís in Iran have been experiencing during the last few years has been the restriction placed on their travel. Since April 1982 any Iranian who applies for an official exit permit is required to complete a form where one of the questions is about religious affiliation. When Bahá'ís respond to the question truthfully they are not allowed to leave the country. As explained by the Universal House of Justice, "If they write `Bahá'í', they cannot leave the country and if they write anything other than `Bahá'í', it is tantamount to recanting their faith." Some of the Iranian friends have obtained their passports and exit permits through broker, and although they themselves have not filled out the forms necessary for procuring such documents, the broker has completed the form on their behalf, most certainly indicating their religion as Moslem, Christian, etc., and not Bahá'í. Consequently, the Universal House of Justice, at the request made by the National Spiritual Assembly of Iran before it was disbanded, announced to all National Spiritual Assemblies that any Iranian Bahá'ís who left Iran via Tehran airport after 22 June 1983 is assumed to have denied his faith personally or by the intermediary of another in order to obtain the permit and is considered to be without administrative rights.

The Universal House of Justice ruled that the restoration of such rights is not to be considered by the National Spiritual Assemblies until the lapse of one year, and then only contingent on the attitude and degree of repentance of the individuals concerned. In addition, the National Spiritual Assemblies have been delegated the responsibility of ascertaining the procedures adopted by these individuals when leaving Iran and their reasons for doing so.

Therefore, when a person who has been deprived of his administrative rights applies for reinstatement, the Local Spiritual Assemblies have to insure that certain criteria are met before submitting the application to the National Spiritual Assembly for its deliberation and decision.

To facilitate your understanding of these criteria we offer the following guidelines:

1) Attempt to determine the degree of the individual's contrition and report the process used to reach this judgement, i.e. did your Assembly meet with the individual, did he/she meet with your representative, did you engage the assistance of a translator?

2) Has the individual participated in Bahá'í community life to whatever degree was possible? What is your evaluation of his actions during the period he has been under sanctions? To what extent have they exemplified Bahá'í standards of conduct?

3) What is the individual's motive in wanting to have their administrative rights restored? (Please bear in mind that a number of individuals were never active in the Faith in Iran but now wish to be considered Bahá'ís for

their own personal convenience and self-interest.) Their visa status in the United States must be verified.

4) Ascertain and report the procedures adopted by the individual for obtaining a valid passport and exit visa in order to leave Iran.

5) Determine the reasons why the individual departed from Iran.

6) Explain to the individual that their administrative rights will not be automatically restored after the passage of a year, simply by writing a letter of regret.

7) Each case must be considered separately; the result of this study along with your recommendation must be conveyed to the National Spiritual Assembly.

Wow, seems the UHJ is asking for Baha'is' freedom to be denied no matter what they do! With leaders like these, who needs enemies?

Why not come right out and ask Baha'is to COMMIT SUICIDE, you ARROGANT BASTARDS?!

And that is why NO ONE should be loyal to the Universal Hore of (In)Justice!

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THE BOGUS ISSUE OF INFALLIBILITY IN THE BAHA'I FAITH.

In the book Some Answered Questions, it was recorded that Abdu'l-Baha told a sheer absurdity that has badly damaged the credibility of the Baha'i Faith ever since.

http://reference.bahai.org/en/t/ab/SAQ/saq-45.html

> It is said in the holy verse: "There is no partner for Him Who is the Dayspring of Revelation in His Most Great Infallibility. He is, in truth, the exponent of 'God doeth whatsoever He willeth' in the kingdom of creation. Indeed the Almighty hath exclusively reserved this station for Himself and to none is given a share in this sublime and highly exalted distinction."
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> Know that infallibility is of two kinds: essential infallibility and acquired infallibility. In like manner there is essential knowledge and acquired knowledge; and so it is with other names and attributes. Essential infallibility is peculiar to the supreme Manifestation, for it is His essential requirement, and an essential requirement cannot be separated from the thing itself. The rays are the essential necessity of the sun and are inseparable from it. Knowledge is an essential necessity of God and is inseparable from Him. Power is an essential necessity of God and is inseparable from Him. If it could be separated from Him, He would not be God. If the rays could be separated from the sun, it would not be the sun. Therefore, if one imagines separation of the Most Great Infallibility from the supreme Manifestation, He would not be the supreme Manifestation, and He would lack the essential perfections. But acquired infallibility is not a natural necessity; on the contrary, it is a ray of the bounty of infallibility which shines from the Sun of Reality upon hearts, and grants a share and portion of itself to souls.
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> Although these souls have not essential infallibility, still they are under the protection of God—that is to say, God preserves them from error. Thus many of the holy beings who were not dawning-points of the Most Great Infallibility, were yet kept and preserved from error under the shadow of the protection and guardianship of God, for they were the mediators of grace between God and men. If God did not protect them from error, their error would cause believing souls to fall into error, and thus the foundation of the Religion of God would be overturned, which would not be fitting nor worthy of God.
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> To epitomize: essential infallibility belongs especially to the supreme Manifestations, and acquired infallibility is granted to every holy soul. For instance, the Universal House of Justice, if it be established under the necessary conditions—with members elected from all the people—that House of Justice will be under the protection and the unerring guidance of God. If that House of Justice shall decide unanimously, or by a majority, upon any question not mentioned in the Book, that decision and command will be guarded from mistake. Now the members of the House of Justice have not, individually, essential infallibility; but the body of the House of Justice is under the protection and unerring guidance of God: this is called conferred infallibility.

Look up "infallibility" in a dictionary and you will read something like this:

http://www.dictionary.com/browse/infallibility

> Sometimes in·fal·li·ble·ness. the quality of being infallible, or of being absolutely trustworthy.

Infallibility by logical definition is absolute in nature; it cannot exist in degrees nor can it be conferred on anyone. You either have it or you don't, period. Therefore, logic proves that Abdu'l-Baha was a liar. He could not have been infallible, nor could the Guardian or the Universal House of Justice that came after him because NONE OF THEM WERE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD!

Baha'u'llah made the limitation of infallibility quite clear in the Kitab-i-Aqdas:

> He Who is the Dawning-place of God's Cause hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." God hath reserved this distinction unto His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that which the Book of God set forth and who were numbered with the heedless.

And Abdu'l-Baha by claiming a lesser form of infalliblity (which by all appearances is identical to the Most Great Infallibility) was engaging in doublespeak, the same sort of dishonesty that allows Baha'is to claim they promote the equality of men and women even while **women are denied a place on the Universal House of Justice**. And we should indeed tolerate none of that nonsense.

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THE DESPERATION OF THE BAHA'IS AS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH...

Today, the Universal House of Justice has released yet another long-winded and ultimately pointless statement. It is indeed notorious for such things, as this earlier blog entry showed:

The Universal House of Empty Rhetoric

So what did they say this time?

https://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/20201125_001/1#300076430

> The Universal House of Justice
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> 25 November 2020
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> To the Bahá'ís of the World
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> Dearly loved Friends,
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> We greet you with immense affection on this special day, an occasion for calling to mind the power of the Covenant, that power which "pulsateth in the body of the contingent world" and forges enduring bonds of love among the believers. In the months since Riḍván, we have seen the evidences of this dynamic power in the unified activity of Bahá'u'lláh's followers, led so ably by the institutions of the Cause in each continent and country, as the friends everywhere have sought with characteristic creativity and determination to minister to the needs of an ailing world. Your resilience and your unwavering commitment to the well-being of those around you, persistent through all difficulties, have filled us with tremendous hope. But it is no wonder that, in some other quarters, hope has become a depleted resource. There is a mounting realization on the part of the world's people that the decades ahead are set to bring with them challenges among the most daunting that the human family has ever had to face. The current global health crisis is but one such challenge, the ultimate severity of whose cost, both to lives and livelihoods, is yet unknown; your efforts to succour and support one another as well as your sisters and brothers in society at large will certainly need to be sustained, and in places expanded.
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> It is against this background of furious storms lashing humanity that the ark of the Cause is about to embark upon a series of Plans that will carry it into the third century of the Bahá'í Era and significantly strengthen the Bahá'í community's capacity for realizing the society-building powers of the Faith. As you are aware, the first Plan to commence this new series will last but one year. In places where circumstances prevent national communities from establishing as many intensive programmes of growth before Riḍván 2021 as they intended, these twelve months will extend the time available to them to do so. Meanwhile, wherever the process of growth has already been intensified, the year will be an opportunity to consolidate the achievements made during the current Plan, while cultivating the conditions necessary for welcoming larger and larger numbers of souls into the embrace of a community recognized for its fortitude and outward-looking orientation. At the national, regional, and cluster levels, we look to communities of proven strength to help those in which less experience has accrued. In this year-long effort, every community must draw on whatever untapped potential it may possess and seek to overcome any obstacles that are impeding its growth, thereby preparing it for the demands to come. For it is within the context of a flourishing community, especially a centre of intense activity in a village or neighbourhood, and when each element of the Plan's framework is given the attention it requires, that those elements most visibly cohere and connect, multiplying the community's powers in the field of action.

> Besides providing for advances within clusters everywhere, the coming Plan will be a year for profound reflection on the life of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá and the strength of the Covenant of which He was the Centre, as the community prepares to commemorate the centenary of His Ascension. The observance of this anniversary will undoubtedly prompt individuals and communities alike to contemplate the significance of that infinitely poignant moment when He Who was the Mystery of God departed from this world. His passing took from the Bahá’ís of that era a Figure Who was the object of their ardent love and loyalty; to the faithful of this age, He remains without parallel: a perfect embodiment in word and deed of all that His Father taught, the One through Whom the Covenant of Bahá’u’lláh was “proclaimed, championed and vindicated”. We are conscious that the coming year will also mark a century since His Will and Testament—that “momentous”, “historic”, “immortal” Document—“called into being, outlined the features and set in motion the processes” of the Administrative Order, “the very pattern of that divine civilization which the almighty Law of Bahá’u’lláh is designed to establish upon earth”. This “unique” and “divinely-conceived” Order, this “mighty administrative structure”, had been fashioned by its Architect to perpetuate the Covenant and channel the spiritual powers of the Cause. It will be apparent, then, that the Day of the Covenant next year, exactly twelve months from now, will be especially meaningful. We ask National Spiritual Assemblies to determine how these two dates, occurring so close together, may each be observed, taking into account prevailing conditions in their countries.
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> All the while, earnest preparations continue to be made in the Holy Land for the commemoration of the centenary of the Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá at a gathering at which, it is hoped, representatives of National Spiritual Assemblies and Regional Bahá’í Councils will be present. Similarly, plans are already being made for the conference of the Continental Boards of Counsellors and Auxiliary Board members, which will coincide, in January 2022, with the lapse of one hundred years since the first public reading of the Will and Testament of the Master. Conditions in the world may, of course, require the plans being made for these gatherings at the Bahá’í World Centre to change. But come what may, we have no doubt that the efforts made in local communities worldwide to befittingly commemorate the Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá and to honour the Day of the Covenant in this coming centennial year will provide the impetus needed to launch the succeeding stage in God’s Minor Plan, even as Providence propels the unfoldment of His Major Plan in accordance with His incontestable decree.

Well, that’s not the complete statement, but that’s all of it I can stand to read.

The references to Abdu’l-Baha clearly tie in with the construction of the Shrine that is to be dedicated to him:

https://news.bahai.org/story/1353/

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They are taking a HUGE and desperate gamble with this construction. They have been doing construction project after construction project at the Baha'i World Center, but this one is especially noteworthy because it is happening while the Covid-19 pandemic continues to ravage the world!

A popular definition of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and hoping for a different result than before. So since the results of past construction projects have failed to attract more people to join the Baha'i Faith, why would they think this new one might do the trick? I guess the UHJ must indeed suffer from a type of collective insanity, a extreme form of "groupthink".

When this shrine is completed and then entry by troops STILL does not occur over the next decade or so, they will probably end up in such debt that they may face BANKRUPTCY! I can hardly wait to see them FAIL!

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THE FATAL FLAW IN BAHA'I AUTHORITY

This is the direct sequel to my first blog entry on the Baha'i faith:

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2007/10/19/why-i-quit-the-baha%e2%80%99i-faith/

The basic problem of authority in the Baha'i Faith, with its false claim that those authorities are infallible, really becomes obvious when you consider the issue of the Guardianship, which Shoghi Effendi held from 1921 until his death in 1957. He was appointed to that position by his grandfather, Abdu'l-Baha.

> *O ye the faithful loved ones of Abdu'l-Baha! it is incumbent upon you to take the greatest care of Shoghi Effendi... For he is, after Abdu'l-Baha, the Guardian of the Cause of God... He that obeyeth him not, hath not obeyed God; he that turneth away from him, hath turned away from God and he that denieth him, hath denied the True One... All must seek guidance and turn unto the Center of the Cause and the House of Justice. And he that turneth unto whatsoever else is indeed in grievous error.*
> (`Abdu'l-Baha: Will and Testament, pages 25-26)

Later, Shoghi Effendi himself wrote:

> *Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Baha'u'llah would be mutilated and permanently deprived of that hereditary principle which, as Abdu'l-Baha has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God. ...Without such an institution the integrity of the Faith would be imperiled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. its prestige would suffer, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to define the sphere of the legislative action of its elected representatives would be totally withdrawn.*
> (Shoghi Effendi: World Order of Baha'u'llah, page 148)

It stands to reason that if Shoghi Effendi must be obeyed absolutely as the representative of God's will, then he himself must obey the Baha'i commandments that came before him. If he was disobedient to Baha'i laws, then no one should obey him.

Baha'ullah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, stated in his book of laws, the Kitab-i-Aqdas, paragraph 109, "Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will."

Likewise, Abdul-Baha, son of Baha'u'llah, in the very Will and Testament by which he appointed Shoghi Effendi to the Guardianship, stated: "It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:—"The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him."(Abd'ul-Baha. Will and Testament, p. 12.)

Shoghi Effendi did none of these things. He had no children, and in fact he expelled from the Faith as "Covenant-breakers" every other descendant of his own grandfather, thus betraying the Faith. When he died in 1957, he left no will and had appointed no successor, thus failing to obey the very Covenant he was expected to uphold.

With no further guidance from the Guardian, the Hands of the Cause of God that he had appointed to assist him did the only thing they could to keep the Baha'i Faith alive: They took over the Faith and arranged for the eventual election of the Universal House of Justice in 1963. But without a Guardian to preside over that body, it would never be in accordance with the very writings that established its authority. And the only ones who could be Guardian were the male descendants of Baha'ullah, all of whom were excluded from the Faith by the first Guardian!

Indeed, the simple fact that Shoghi Effendi disobeyed both Bahau'llah and Abd'ul-Baha by not leaving a will, by expelling all his own relatives from the Faith, and not appointing in his lifetime one of his brothers or male cousins as his sucessor to the Guardianship should be enough to demonstrate that there is NO "true" Baha'i Faith existing today. Its authority is meaningless by the testimony of its own history!

And perhaps this was inevitable, since Baha'ullah himself warned his successors in the Faith not to exceed the proper bounds of their authority. Referring again to the Kitab-i-Aqdas, we find this as paragraph 37:

> "Whoso layeth claim to a **Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor**. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse **otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things**. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evil-hearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in 'Iráq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot." (Emphasis mine)

Since any Baha'i would affirm that Abdu'l-Baha is inferior in rank to Baha'u'llah, we have to apply consistent logic to the Baha'i Writings; and when we do…..

> "The sacred and youthful branch, the guardian of the Cause of God as well as the Universal House of Justice, to be universally elected and established, are both under the care and protection of the Abha Beauty, under the shelter and unerring guidance of His Holiness, the Exalted One (may my life be offered up for them both). **Whatsoever they decide is of God. Whoso obeyeth him not, neither obeyeth them, hath not obeyed God; whoso rebelleth against him and against them hath rebelled against God; whoso opposeth him hath opposed God; whoso contendeth with them hath contended with God; whoso disputeth with him hath disputed with God; whoso denieth him hath denied God; whoso disbelieveth in him hath disbelieved in God; whoso deviateth, separateth himself and turneth aside from him hath in truth deviated, separated himself and turned aside from God.** May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rest upon him!" (Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha, Page 11 [Emphasis mine])

There is no way that passage can be reconciled with the one of Baha'u'llah denying that anyone can receive direct revelation from God before the passage of 1000 years. And that might explain why Shoghi Effendi died

1. **without issue**
2. **at the relatively young age of 60**
3. **in the midst of the Ten Year World Crusade he was leading and…**

4. **in London, NOT at the Baha'i World Center.**

He was probably struck down by God himself just as Baha'u'llah would have predicted. And despite the desperate efforts made ever since to teach and proclaim the Baha'i Faith under the Universal House of Justice, it remains to this day a small, cultlike body scattered over the world, with no potential to make any real difference in the world at large.

To all those who are still members of this Faith, as I was years ago, I implore you to be fair in your judgement and search your feelings. The Baha'i Faith has failed you and you need not be bound by laws, authorities, or institutions that are not based on truth. Whether you belong to the mainstream Baha'i Faith that follows the Guardianship-less Universal House of Justice, or one of the splinter groups that rejected the authority of that body, the fact remains you follow a spirtually dead faith and are totally wasting your time. The Baha'i Faith will never become the great religion of the world Baha'ullah and Abdu'l-Baha envisioned it to be, because Shoghi Effendi ruined it with his blind assumption of his own infallibility. His own relatives questioned his decisions and were expelled for doing that. If you cannot question authority, it can destroy you. Or, in this case, the credibility of the authority is destroyed and opposing it becomes a moral obligation. Let it be so!

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THE PERSIAN BAHA'I DILEMMA

For over a century, the leadership of the Baha'i community has sought to make their religion a world one and not just one centered on the Middle East and people of Persian/Shiite descent. Yet because the Faith was founded by such people, they tended to be a privileged class in Baha'i communities around the world. Now, however, not so much. It seem ironic that Baha'is taking the anti-racist teachings to heart are now causing problems for some Persian Baha'is.

Read this first: https://weeklysift.com/2012/09/10/the-distress-of-the-privileged/

> As the culture evolves, people who benefitted from the old ways invariably see themselves as victims of change. The world used to fit them like a glove, but it no longer does. Increasingly, they find themselves in unfamiliar situations that feel unfair or even unsafe. Their concerns used to take center stage, but now they must compete with the formerly invisible concerns of others.

Now read this:

https://bahaism.blogspot.com/2019/09/an-open-letter-to-kenneth-bowers-from.html

> To
> **Mr. Kenneth E. Bowers**
> Secretary
> National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States
>
> I have just read your letter/warnings regarding the activities of one Ms. Bahareh Moghaddam, who you feel is trying to deceive and misguide the Baha'is of Iranian descent by sowing the 'seeds of discord'. Well, you may or may not be right in your analysis, but as a sincere and third generation Baha'i, I wish to mention that before breaking into pen please follow the principle that Ignorance sometimes is a Bliss (i.e you could have ignored her). Now I am sure many Baha'is will take a chance to connect themselves with the 'misguided soul'.
>
> Having given my advice to you regarding the Enemies of Faith, I have some very rough and tough questions to ask. You may forward it to Beloved Universal House of Justice for its explanation.
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> We, Persian Baha'is are concluding that PERSECUTION is something which is destined to us. We face persecution in the country where we pioneer, we face persecution in our own country and now we are facing persecution in our own Faith by fellow Baha'is.
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> Dear Secretary, we see a very systematic persecution of Persian Baha'is in the Baha'i Administration. It looks like there is systematic cleansing of Persian Baha'is from the Baha'i Administration.
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> The representation of the Persian Baha'is in the Universal House of Justice has gone down tremendously, and they are being replaced by unskilled, ignorant Baha'is.
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> The ITC has been cleansed of many Persian Baha'i except Muna Tehrani. The number of Persian Bahai's as counsellors have come down drastically and the story is not different for the ABMs.
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> They were asked to leave their place of pioneer where they had established themselves, gained respect, involved themselves in Teaching of the Faith and then asked to settle in some other parts of the world. This is nothing but humiliation and harassment.
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> The case of Baha'i Scholar Mr. Ahang Rabbani has not been forgotten. After working for 15 years at the World Centre, he died Heart broken.

> The way Mr. Ali Nakhjavani was hunted for his misunderstood statement resulting into ignorant Baha'is daring to ask him that why he gave such a statement?
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> A sincere Persian Baha'i in India was threatened by one of the members of UHJ that he should come in line with the UHJ or face severe consequences.
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> Jamshed Fozdar and Firoz Anarki were on the brink of being declared Covenant Breakers but some better reasoning prevailed on the UHJ and they stopped from doing such an atrocious act.
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> There are some misguided Baha'is who are making fake sites in the name of sincere Baha'is for defamation.
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> A Norwegian Baha'i sent to India made the life of Persian pioneer miserable in India. He was an arch enemy of Persian Baha'is.
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> Wife of a well-respected former counsellor wanted to attend a Baha'i programme but was refused permission. It was well evident that she was accused of being siding with Persian Baha'is.
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> The Late Mr. Hasan Sabri along with Isabella Sabri made fun of Persian Baha'is and use to call them KHAR (donkey) and used to say that Persian Baha'is are misguiding other Baha'is.
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> Many sincere Baha'is were asked not to enter any other countries else face consequences!
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> We see that if a non-Persian Counsellor retires from his post, he is immediately offered another post in his own country, but if the counsellor is a Persian, and that too a pioneer, never this opportunity of service had been offered to him or his experience used for promotion of the Faith.
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> A retired counsellor wanted to attend a conference in a foreign country at his own expense but was denied permission by the NSA of that country.
>
> I don't understand how just for expressing one's feelings about injustice, is categorized as 'sowing the seeds of discord'?

I can't help but think these statements are gross exaggerations. What the writer calls "PERSECUTION" is merely non-Persian Baha'is demanding and getting equality with Persians in terms of social power within the Baha'i communities. If the Baha'i communities around the world have grown to the point that Persians are no longer the overwhelming majority, then the leadership of the Faith needs to reflect that reality. Persians need to stop expecting everything to be handed to them without merit. The Unitarian Universalist Association, a denomination with a white majority, faced a **problem of racial justice among themselves in 2017** that forced them to change. If they can do it, so can Baha'is.

For over 300 years, the Roman Catholic Church only elected Italians to the Papacy. It wasn't until 1978 that John Paul II, who was Polish, became Pope. Since then, it seems Italians have been shut out of becoming Pope, for the two others that have become Pope are also non-Italian (German and Argentinian). I wonder how Italians feel about that.

Jews founded Christianity, only to be excluded and persecuted by Christians later. That was not justice, but neither would have been keeping the Christian communities Jewish dominated, no matter their ethnic makeup. We should keep things balanced and fair for all.

You can either have a single ethnic/linguistic group dominate a religious community forever, or you can have a diverse community spreading around the world. It is wrong to expect both, ever.

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THE SCANDAL INVOLVING KALIMAT PRESS.

Kalimat Press is a small Baha'i owned book publishing company that was recently at the center of a huge controversy, one that shocked me and apparently was the primary reason for **Dann May and his wife Phyllis Bernard to leave the Baha'i Faith**.

http://www.kalimat.com/about.html

Kalimát Press was founded in 1978 by Anthony A. Lee and Payam Afsharian, Bahá'ís in the Los Angeles area, during the Bahá'í month of Kalimát (*words*). It is a small, privately owned publishing company which is exclusively oriented towards the publication of books and other materials on the Bahá'í Faith.

From its inception, Kalimát Press has sought to encourage the publication of new ideas and new approaches to the Bahá'í Teachings. The company has been especially interested in the publication of books for Bahá'í children, materials on Bahá'í history, translations from Persian, original Bahá'í scholarship, and essays on the relevance of Bahá'í teachings to contemporary social issues.

Since 1978, Kalimát Press has published over one-hundred titles. These include the scholarly series **Studies in the Bábí and Bahá'í Religions**. The eighteen volumes of this series have included essays on history, theology, poetry, and other academic topics. These include essays on the Bahá'í Faith in America, in Europe, in India, and in other parts of the world.

Kalimát Press now publishes only one or two books per year. Our intention is to ensure the continued production of serious Bahá'í books which will enrich and diversify the range of Bahá'í literature available in English. We are particularly interested in books on Bahá'í history, and more than half of the titles that we have produced have been directly to this concern.

We have published the Bahá'í Holy Day series in order to provide local Bahá'í communities with reference materials for important Bahá'í anniversaries. The titles include: **The Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh, Days of Ridván, The Declaration of the Báb, Twin Holy Days, Naw-Rúz: New Day, The Passing of 'Abdu'l-BaháThe Martyrdom of the Báb. and A Feast for the Soul.**

Why does Kalimat Press publish only one or two books a year, instead of dozens like a normal book publishing company would? Because of these:

http://bahairants.com/fahrenheit-245-83.html

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December 29, 2005
To all Local Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Enclosed for your information is a copy of our letter of today's date addressed to Kalimát Press. We ask you to comply with the decision we have made that all national and local Bahá'í agencies cease to distribute books and other items marketed by this publisher. However, you may continue to sell whatever you may have in stock until your inventories are depleted. Individuals are free, of course, to decide to purchase books from any publisher.

Our decision was regretfully reached as a result of increasing concern in recent years that a number of titles handled by Kalimát Press, aside from those which have enriched Bahá'í literature over the years, contain matter inimical to the best interests of our Faith. It is highly inappropriate for Bahá'í institutions, which are obligated to safeguard such interests, to provide channels of distribution for publishers promoting such titles.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES
Robert C. Henderson
Secretary-General

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December 29, 2005

Mr. Anthony Lee
Kalimát Press
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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

We write to inform you of our decision to instruct the Bahá'í Distribution Service and all other national and local Bahá'í agencies serving our community to cease to acquire and sell any titles marketed by Kalimát Press. We have been impelled to so decide out of a serious concern that your company is increasingly offering titles that are inimical to the best interests of the Bahá'í Faith.

Yours in His service,
Robert C. Henderson
Secretary-General

Followed by this:

http://bahaiadmin.blogspot.com/2006_09_01_archive.html#115813307855199935

Agencies Supporting Shutdown of Publisher

UK BAHA'I NEWS EMAIL SERVICE
National Spiritual Assembly
nsa@bahai.org.uk

23 July 2006

Dearly loved Friends

The National Spiritual Assembly has taken the decision that Baha'i Books UK
and its agents will cease to distribute books and other items marketed by

Kalimat Press with immediate effect.

The National Assembly's decision was reached as a result of increasing concern in recent years that a number of titles published by Kalimat Press, aside from those which have enriched Baha'i literature over the years, contain matter inimical to the best interests of the Faith. The National Assembly believes that it would therefore be inappropriate for it, as the institution obligated to safeguard such interests in the United Kingdom, to provide channels of distribution for such material.

Baha'i Books UK and its agents may continue, however, to sell whatever Kalimat titles remain in stock until their inventories are depleted. Further, individuals are free to decide to purchase books from other suppliers.

With loving Baha'i greetings
National Spiritual Assembly

What brought that on? Who knows? What caused Joseph Stalin during the 1930s to purge and execute many members of his own Communist Party, along with many Soviet military officers who were otherwise loyal to Communism and/or the Soviet Union, but perhaps not to Stalin personally? That had the effect of weakening the Soviet Union so that when Nazi Germany attacked it in 1941, it almost fell. Likewise, the credibility of the National Spiritual Assemblies of the United States and the United Kingdom have been destroyed by this arbitrary and ridiculous decision to denounce and attempt to shut down a small book publishing company that by all accounts and appearances is a loyal promoter of the Baha'i Faith itself, rather than the whims of the current Baha'i leadership!

http://www.petitiononline.com/cgi-bin/mlk?http://bahaisonline.net/petition

The Bahá'í Faith is perceived by most people — Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís — as a generally liberal religion, far closer to the Unitarian-Universalists than to the Southern Baptists. Yet over the last 30-40 years the governing institutions of the Bahá'í Faith have become ever more conservative in nature and in many ways are adopting strict control mechanisms on Bahá'ís to maintain a form of Bahá'í fundamentalism.

Bahá'í fundamentalism is an odd development. The scriptures of the Bahá'í Faith are generally progressive — calling for cooperation and understanding among faith communities, equality of the sexes, promotion of the oneness of humanity, the harmony of science and religion, the elimination of extremes of wealth and poverty, support of the United Nations and international order. In contrast to this liberal dimension, the Bahá'í community, especially through its conservative administrative order, promotes theocracy, forbids women to serve on the highest elected offices of the religion, defines homosexuality as a psychological disorder, forbids Bahá'ís to join progressive groups like Amnesty International or the Interfaith Alliance, requires Bahá'ís to stay aloof from controversial political issues, requires mandatory pre-publication censorship of all that individual Bahá'ís seek to publish about their faith, has implemented internal spying on suspected believers, exercises administrative expulsion of Baha'is, and threatens shunning of Bahá'ís who are targeted as "internal enemies."

Kalimát Press has been a leader in Bahá'í publishing since its founding in 1978. It has experienced a series of conflicts with the Bahá'í administration over its attempt to publish academic studies of the Babi and Bahá'í religions. Although Kalimát Press has faithfully followed the demand of the Bahá'í administration to submit all works by Bahá'ís to pre-publication censorship, the process of pre-publication review and censorship has created tension between Kalimát Press and the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States. The Universal House of Justice, the international head of the Bahá'í Faith based in Haifa, Israel, has been drawn into these disputes and has also expressed its dissatisfaction with Kalimát Press's agenda to foster Bahá'í studies.

Besides works by Bahá'ís published under the Kalimát Press imprint, other academic books from Bahá'í and non-Bahá'í publishers are distributed by Kalimát to their main market: the American Bahá'í community. These distributed titles include books on Islam and Iran. A handful of books written by non-Bahá'ís, former Bahá'ís, or liberal Bahá'ís published by university presses or self-published has triggered the National Spiritual Assembly's call for a boycott of all Kalimát Press titles.

The offending titles appear to be the following:

1. Juan Cole's *Modernity and the Millennium: The Genesis of the Bahá'í Faith in the 19th-Century Middle East* (Columbia University Press).

2. Abbas Amanat, Resurrection and Renewal: *The Making of the Babi Movement in Iran, 1844-1850* (Cornell University Press).
3. William Garlington, *The Bahá'í Faith in America* (Praeger Publisher).
4. Sen McGlinn, *Church and State: A Postmodern Political Theology. Book One* (self published, MA thesis, University of Leiden).

All of these books have received positive reviews and are not particularly radical. Each of them does however rub against popular Bahá'í beliefs and the favorite theological views of conservative members of the Bahá'í leadership. For example, Sen McGlinn's book provides an exhaustive examination of Bahá'í texts, from Bahá'u'lláh to Shoghi Effendi, on Church-State relations and makes the case that the Bahá'í founders did not expect a Bahá'í theocracy to emerge in some distant future. Mr. McGlinn was subsequently expelled from the Bahá'í community by the Universal House of Justice for publishing his research. The Universal House of Justice complained that the author was attempting to impose his theology on the Bahá'í community. McGlinn was expelled from the Bahá'í community without a hearing or any semblance of due process.

Shortly after the expulsion of Mr. McGlinn, the boycott of Kalimát Press was announced.

So I have signed this petition to end the boycott of Kalimat Press and urge others to do the same:

http://www.petitiononline.com/kalimat/petition.html

Meanwhile, the courts in the USA are no longer taking the Haifan Baha'is as seriously as they might have in the past:

http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/11/judge-bahai-believers-can-call-themselves-bahai.html

JUDGE: BAHA'I BELIEVERS CAN CALL THEMSELVES BAHA'I

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A federal court in Chicago has ruled a group of self-proclaimed orthodox Baha'i believers can keep calling themselves Baha'i despite a 1966 court decision that stopped an offshoot organization from using the Baha'I name.

Today, the federal 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the 1966 decision does not apply to a different offshoot known as the Orthodox Baha'i Faith.

Though the judges criticized the ruling from more than four decades ago as wrongfully trying to resolve a question of religious authority, they determined it was a moot point since the original defendants led a denomination that no longer exists.

Tuesday's ruling sidestepped any questions about whether a religious organization can trademark its name or icons.

North American Baha'is have been based in Chicago ever since believers came to the U.S. about 90 years ago.

Adherents of the Orthodox Baha'i Faith–about 50 strong in the U.S.–believe the mainstream Baha'i faith — about 5 million strong in the world — has strayed from the religion's original teachings.

The simple fact that the Baha'is of the various factions needed to get the federal courts of the USA involved in their dispute shows how laughable they truly are. It should never have come to that.

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THE TLC NETWORK SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN, PERMANENTLY!

I am beyond disgusted with the TLC network. The initials originally stood for The Learning Channel, but over the decades it has degenerated into a cesspool of reality shows and idiocy! Indeed, I consider it to be downright PERVERTED!

Among other examples of the filth that has been shown on it.....

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/19_Kids_and_Counting

> ***19 Kids and Counting*** (formerly ***17 Kids and Counting*** and ***18 Kids and Counting***) is an American reality television series that aired on the cable channel TLC for seven years until its cancellation in 2015. The show features the Duggar family: parents Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar and their 19 children – nine daughters and ten sons – all of whose names begin with the letter "J". During the duration of the show, two children were born, three children were married and four grandchildren were born.
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> The show focuses on the life of the Duggar family, who are devout Baptists, and frequently discusses values of purity, modesty and faith in God. The Duggars avoid birth control, saying they have decided to allow God to determine the number of children they have. All of the children are homeschooled and access to entertainment such as movies and television is limited. The Duggar family has also used "blanket time," a controversial practice, with their children. They practice chaperoned courtship, in which a couple becomes acquainted only in a group setting. The values presented on the show have been associated with the Quiverfull movement, which has been described as promoting strict family conformity, male hierarchies and subservient roles for women. The Duggars have stated that they are not associated with the Quiverfull movement. However, in an article formerly published on their website titled "Why Have Such a Large Family?", the Duggars reference Psalms 127:3-5, from which the Quiverfull movement name comes. Moreover, in 2001, Jim Bob and Michelle were interviewed for an article published on a Quiverfull affiliated website.

I have written about the Quiverfull movement before:

There is still hope even for those who are brainwashed
Ten Reasons the Quiverfull Movement is Idiotic

And I have suspected for a long time that some of the leaders of that movement may be pedophiles. And now we have evidence for that! Josh Duggar, who was featured on the show mentioned above, is now going to prison for child rape, including some of his own sisters as his victims! (((((PUKE)))))

☐ Video:



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Telltale wants Josh Duggar to never be free again. For me, that's not enough!

Wahid Azal and his Bayani gang hit a new low

> A pedophile is a person attracted sexually only to children and aggressively seeking them out for sexual purposes, disregarding their own feelings and needs. Not only do I condemn such a thing, I actually believe convicted child molesters deserve the DEATH PENALTY!

Someone commented on that video:

> **warhawk9566**
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> I remember seeing a lawyer, saying that "smiling for your mugshot is the dumbest thing you can do." Cause it makes the prosecutors job so much easier. They can just come out and say "Look at them! They're smiling! They're not sorry they did this crime at all!"

Someone else said:

> **Laura Sellars**
>
> There's NO WAY he did this to his little sisters and then didn't offend again for 15 years. We'll never know how many kids he hurt.

Likewise, there is no way of knowing how many children were raped by Catholic priests over the course of the Catholic Church's over 1500 year history. The victims could number in the tens of millions! And I blame priestly celibacy for that!

Priestly Celibacy is unbiblical and stupid!

There are other programs that were shown on TLC and just as disgusting.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toddlers_%26_Tiaras

> ***Toddlers & Tiaras*** or ***Another Toddlers & Tiaras*** is an American reality television series that aired on TLC from January 27, 2009 to October 16, 2013. After a three-year hiatus due to much controversy, ***Another Toddlers and Tiaras*** aired the sequel on August 24, 2016. The show follows the personal lives of families of contestants in a child beauty pageant. Like many shows about children pageants, it generated controversy for dressing the children provocatively. The show led to other reality show spin-offs: *Eden's World*, *Here Comes*

Honey Boo Boo, and *Cheer Perfection*. On November 24, 2016, TLC cancelled the show after its 7th season.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Here_Comes_Honey_Boo_Boo

> ***Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*** was an American reality television series that aired on TLC featuring the family of child beauty pageant contestant Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson. The show premiered on August 8, 2012, and ended on August 14, 2014. Thompson and her family originally rose to fame on TLC's reality series *Toddlers & Tiaras*.[1] The show's name comes from a taunt that Alana hurled at another pageant contestant during her debut in *Toddlers and Tiaras*,[2] but a sweeping misinterpretation from the general public resulted in Alana being referred to as "Honey Boo Boo Child" instead. The show revolves around Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson and her family's adventures in the town of McIntyre, Georgia. The reality series received predominantly negative reviews from television critics during its run.
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> On October 24, 2014, TLC cancelled the series after four seasons when cast member June "Mama June" Shannon was seen with Mark Anthony McDaniel, a man who served 10 years in prison after being convicted of aggravated child molestation in 2004 and who is a registered sex offender. This prompted Shannon to admit to *Entertainment Tonight* that the father of her daughter Lauryn "Pumpkin" Shannon was not McDaniel as previously stated, but Michael Anthony Ford, another convicted sex offender who served time for sexual exploitation of minors after being caught on 'To Catch a Predator' in 2005.[3] A number of episodes had already been taped for a fifth season, but none were released until TLC aired four of them as the two-hour special *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo: The Lost Episodes* on April 21, 2017.

YIKES!!! That mother should have lost custody of her daughters. And Alana Thompson should get years of intense therapy!

Blair, aka the iilluminaughtii, slammed Toddlers and Tiaras with this:

☐ Video:



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It seems to me that for pedophiles, both the Quiverfull movement and the TLC Network are like buffet restaurants. And we should go after both of those things until they are GONE!

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THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF EMPTY RHETORIC

Take a look at this latest message from the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of the (Haifan) Baha'i Faith, addressed to the Baha'is of the world:

http://www.scribd.com/doc/46231806/UHJ-1-January-2011-Message

1 January 2011

To the Bahá'ís of the World

Dearly loved Friends,

For the past five days, the Continental Counsellors have been gathered in conference in the Holy Land, engaged in earnest deliberation at once insightful and clear visioned, well grounded and confident, on the progress of the Divine Plan. The joy and wonder of this gathering, now entering its closing moments, has come from the vivid retelling of your numerous exploits, deeds which secured the astonishing attainment of the goal of the Five Year Plan one year early. It is hard to express in words how much love for you has been shown in these few, fleeting days. We praise God that He has raised up a community so accomplished and render thanks to Him for releasing your marvellous potentialities. You it is who, whether in collective endeavours or individual efforts, are presenting the verities of the Faith and assisting souls to recognize the Blessed Beauty. You it is who, in your tens of thousands, are serving as tutors of study circles wherever receptivity is kindled. You it is who, without thought of self, are providing spiritual education to the child and kindly fellowship to the junior youth. You it is who, through visits to homes and invitations to yours, are forging ties of spiritual kinship that foster a sense of community. You it is who, when called to serve on the institutions and agencies of the Cause, are accompanying others and rejoicing in their achievements. And it is all of us,whatever our share in this undertaking, who labour and long, strive and supplicate for the transformation of humanity, envisioned by Baha'u'llah, to be hastened.

A new five-year horizon now beckons, rich with portent. The features of the Plan that will begin this Ridvan are set out in a letter we addressed to the Counsellors Conference at its opening session and which was transmitted to National Spiritual Assemblies the same day. We hope that you will be able to give it thoughtful study, alongside the message we addressed to you at Ridvan 2010, at gatherings of all kinds–whether at the national, regional, or cluster level, in local communities, in neighbourhoods and villages, or in the home. We are certain that, through the consultations about the Plan in which you participate, your understanding will deepen and, conscious of the spiritual forces that support you, you will resolve to make this global enterprise a personal concern and become as occupied with the well-being of the human family as you are with that of your dearest kin. It brings us great joy that so many souls throughout the Bahá'í community are ready to thus distinguish themselves. But what gratifies us beyond this is the certain knowledge that victories will be won in the next five years by youth and adults, men and women, who may at present be wholly unaware of Baha'u'llah's coming, much less acquaintedwith the "society-building power" of His Faith. For you possess a potent instrument for spiritually empowering the masses of humanity to take charge of their own destiny, aninstrument tempered in the crucible of experience. You know well, and have heard clearly, the call of Baha'u'llah: "I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight."

Our abiding prayers are with each of you.

[signed: The Universal House of Justice]

My jaw dropped at the simple fact that this statement contained NOTHING of substance whatsoever. No definite facts,

no detailed plans, no warnings about what the future may hold.

What an incredible contrast I find to a recent statement by Rev. Peter Morales, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, where you can actually learn something and thus be inspired!

http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/174402.shtml

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM UUA PRESIDENT REV. PETER MORALES

December 10, 2010

Dear Friends,

Our holiday rituals and traditions evoke memories—memories that link us to friends, to family, to our cultures of origin, to our most profound sense of who we are.

My early memories from growing up in San Antonio include church Christmas pageants and huge multi-generational parties with extended family. The dominant culture's snowy images of a white Christmas, winter wonderlands, ice skating and Ebenezer Scrooge in London seemed odd to a child growing up in south Texas. My church always had an outdoor live nativity scene and sometimes it was chilly enough to require a light jacket under my shepherd's costume.

Since my youth I have spent the holidays in many parts of the United States and even in foreign countries. (There is nothing quite like seeing Santa, reindeer, and fake snow in Thailand!) But regardless of religious background or culture, for those of us who have grown up with an end-of-year holiday tradition, the emotional tug is always there.

Traditions and rituals touch something very deep. The stories we hear and repeat become an essential part our story. They remind us of our need for one another, of the importance of compassion, of the centrality of hope, of our deep longing for peace.

One of the old traditions practiced in the San Antonio of my youth and across the Southwest is the Mexican custom of "Las Posadas." In Spanish a "posada" is a place of lodging, a resting place, a place of shelter on a journey. This tradition, based on the biblical account of Mary and Joseph having to stay in a stable because there was no room in the inn, has special resonance for us today.

The practice of Las Posadas began almost five hundred years ago in colonial Mexico. A small group of people, some dressed as Mary and Joseph and carrying candles to light the way, go from house to house and sing songs asking for shelter. At each house they are turned away until, finally, someone lets them in. All of this is prearranged, of course. Then, in a true expression of Mexican culture, the people celebrate with music, dancing, lots of food, and a piñata. In some villages and neighborhoods, there is a different procession and a different stopping point each night for nine days, beginning December 16 and ending Christmas Eve.

This year—a year in which our nation is torn by anti-immigrant sentiment, a year in which I found myself protesting and even being arrested and jailed for opposing what I believe are racist anti-immigrant laws—the religious lessons of Las Posadas are even more striking. In a year that saw a record number of migrants die in our deserts, a story about helpless people being turned away profoundly touches my heart.

More importantly, like all good traditions, the lessons of Las Posadas go far beyond public policy debates. Each one of us, at some time in our lives, has been Mary or Joseph. Think of a time you needed shelter—physical or, more likely, emotional. Think of a time you needed compassion, needed someone simply to take you in and give you a place that was safe.

Recall, too, all the times you have been the person who turned away “Mary” or “Joseph.” I shudder to remember the many times I was too preoccupied, too insensitive, too busy, too self absorbed to offer the simple kindness of a sympathetic ear, a cup of tea, a little emotional shelter.

Recall, too, all the times you have been the kind-hearted innkeeper. Think of the times you were there, really there, for a child, a partner, a friend, even a stranger. Think of how precious those times were. When we allow the love that lives in our hearts to express itself, we are a blessing to those around us and a blessing to ourselves.

One of the great blessings of life in our Unitarian Universalist congregations is that here we learn to give and receive posada. We are there for one another. Together, we spread the warmth of compassion.

In this busy holiday time, the powerful religious lessons of Las Posadas transcend cultural boundaries. May we take time to see the need around us. May we open our hearts. May we give and receive shelter. Every act of kindness is offering a posada.

May this be a time rich in blessings and filled with joy.

Faithfully,

Peter Morales

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zlCK53vxDw

Rev. Morales comes across as human to me. The Universal House of Justice looks like it is a giant computer, with no soul. Who benefits from that?

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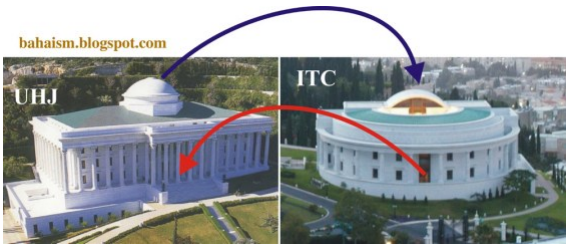
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THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEACHING CENTER OF JUSTICE

This ironic title above refers to the incestuous relationship that has recently been established between two major bodies of the Baha'i Administrative Order (BAO) : The Universal House of Justice (UHJ) and the International Teaching Center (ITC). The former is the supreme governing body of the BAO, while the latter's membership is appointed by the UHJ. The bureaucratic nature of this system is illustrated by the "alphabet soup" I used here, much like that of American governmental institutions. Note also that the buildings of the Baha'i World Center look a lot like the governmental buildings in Washington, D. C. Would you call this spiritual?

When the UHJ was first established in 1963, its membership included former members of the International Baha'i Council (these had been appointed by Shoghi Effendi) and members of various National Spiritual Assemblies. Later, the UHJ established the ITC, intended to take the place of the dwindling Hands of the Cause of God. Over several decades, however, more and more members of the UHJ have tended to come from the ITC, until today, ALL the UHJ members were elected from the ITC's membership, which was appointed by the UHJ previously, making this BAO a pathetic mockery of democracy. The result is a system that is by nature extremely conservative and not open to new ideas that could allow it to adapt to changing circumstances.



This is truly no better than the Roman Catholic Church, in which the Popes are elected by the College of Cardinals, and these Cardinals are themselves appointed by the previous Popes!

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THE MADNESS OF MAN HARON MONIS

I was just informed of someone even more insane and dangerous than Wahid Azal! But the parallels between them are striking. Both came from Iran and both settled in Australia. Both have acted like cult leaders at one time or another.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Man_Haron_Monis

Man Haron Monis (born **Mohammed Hassan Manteghi Borujerdi**; 19 May 1964 – 16 December 2014) was an Iranian-born refugee and Australian citizen[2] who took hostages in a siege at the Lindt Chocolate Café at Martin Place, Sydney on 15 December 2014,[3] lasting for 17 hours, until the early hours of the following morning. The siege resulted in the death of Monis and two hostages.[4][5]

While Monis had a warrant out for his arrest in Iran, he sought political asylum in Australia in 1996,[6] which was granted in 2001.[7] Monis variously promoted himself as an Iranian intelligence official, a political activist, a spiritual healer and expert in black magic, an outlaw bikie and a Muslim cleric.[8] He told a psychiatrist who diagnosed him with schizophrenia that he had to change his name for "security reasons," variously calling himself "Michael Hayson Mavros",[9] "Sheikh Haron",[10] and "Ayatollah Mohammed Manteghi Boroujerdi".[8][11]

Monis ran a "spiritual healing" business, telling some women that they needed to submit to sexual molestation to receive treatment. In 2014, Monis was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife, as well as over 40 counts of sexual assault.[12][13] At the time of his death, he had recently converted from Shia Islam to Sunni Islam, and attended Islamist rallies promoting conspiracy theories about Australian security agencies.[13][14] While on bail, and facing a likely lengthy imprisonment,[12] he declared allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.[15]

Monis was born in Borujerd, Iran on 19 May 1964.[11] He published a book of poetry, *Inside and Out* or *Daroon va Boroon* (Persian: درون و برون), in 1996 in Iran.[16][17] It did not sell well, which disappointed Monis. In the 1990s, Monis ran a company called *Salhani Amal* (Persian: صالحان عمل), which he used to buy discounted tyres from the Iranian government and re-sell them on the black market. He also ran a charity scam to avoid paying tax.[18]

n 2001, using the pseudonym Ayatollah Manteghi Boroujerdi,[11] he claimed in an interview with ABC Radio National's *The Religion Report* that he had been involved with the Iranian ministry of intelligence and security, and that his criticism of the regime and secret information he possessed had resulted in his persecution as well as the detention of his wife and children. During an ABC Radio interview, he claimed that his family's detention was a result of views the Iranian government believed to be "dangerously liberal".[19] David Ruteledge, the journalist who interviewed him, described this as "a little bit dramatic."[12]

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency states that he was "under prosecution by the Interpol" and Iran provided information to the Australian government about his criminal record, mental and spiritual status. Despite this, he was granted asylum in Australia.[25] Iranian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham publicly questioned the decisions made by the Australian government after several discussions in which Monis's criminal status in Iran was made "completely clear".[25]

From 1997 to 2000, Monis held a security guard licence, which would have let him carry a pistol between March and June 1997.[32]

In November 2000, he chained himself to a pole at Parliament House, Sydney, and went on a one-day hunger

strike to draw attention to his cause.[33][34]

He began to sexually assault women while passing himself off as a spiritual healer named 'Marcus' in the early 2000s.[35]

On 16 September 2002, Monis changed his name to Michael Hayson Mavros.[36] While he was known as Mavros, he seemed to be 'embracing a secular life'.[37]

He gained Australian citizenship in 2004.[35]

On 21 September 2006, he changed his name to Man Haron Monis.[36]

In 2003, Monis dated Amanda Morsy for about six months, telling her he was Romanian, giving her gold necklaces and driving her to dates in a Mercedes, convertible Peugeot and a Jeep. Monis was unable to be contacted after 8 pm, claiming he was busy with his "spiritual consultation" business. Morsy described him as "secretive", "very reserved" and "formal" and wanting to "fit in". He broke the relationship off after her family expresses reservations about his personality.[41]

In 2003, Monis married a woman who was a client of his black magic business, though always kept his blinds closed, and told people at a Sydney mosque that he had a wife in Iran.[12]

In 2010, the family of Amirah Droudis reported Monis to the National Security Hotline because they found his behaviour strange. He was secretive with the family and always refused to have his photo taken even at Christmas. He gave them the appearance of having money and being "very generous" but vague about where he worked. They described him as "rarely forthcoming with any direct or detailed answers."[38]

Social worker Sylvia Martin talked with Monis during a meeting with his former wife in 2012. She described Monis as prone to "grandiosity" and a "hero in his own story" describing him as "capable of narcissism and also capable of manipulation." His ex-wife said that Monis had "intimidated, duped and emotionally manipulated her" and that around 2007 he "became more strict" and told her to wear a veil, and restricted her from "singing and dancing" allegedly telling her "I'm doing it for Islam ... I want to be a martyr".[43]

In 2010 Monis was involuntarily hospitalised at Canterbury Hospital after displaying bizarre and erratic behaviour in a parking lot in Ashfield. A psychiatrist who assessed Monis said she believed he had chronic schizophrenia and needed to be on anti-psychotic medication. Monis stated that he had been forced to close his spiritual business, was $20,000 in debt, and had to change his name for "security reasons."[8] Monis was treated by two different psychiatrists who didn't know about the other and he was giving them different information.[53] He was described as "quite guarded and reluctant to disclose too much information" and refused to give his phone number and home address. He was concerned that "ASIO and police were following him... and that some people could read his mind," according to a psychologist who grew up in Iran, who diagnosed him with obsessive-compulsive disorder. He avoided buying medication for mental illness with his Medicare card to conceal his use of medication from authorities.

Monis, together with Amirah Droudis, undertook a campaign protesting against the presence of Australian troops in Afghanistan, by writing letters to the families of soldiers killed there, in which he called the soldiers murderers,[55] and urged the soldiers' families to petition the government to remove its troops from Afghanistan. According to Justice Dyson Heydon of the High Court, the letters compared "the (deceased soldier) son to a pig and to a dirty animal. It calls the son's body 'contaminated'. It refers to it as 'the dirty body of a pig'. It describes Hitler as not inferior to the son in moral merit".[56] Monis was arrested on charges of

"using a postal or similar service to menace, harass or cause offence".[57] Droudis received a 2-year good-behaviour bond for "assisting Monis in sending the letters". She appealed the sentence, but on 12 March 2015 Droudis dropped her appeal.[58]

Monis ran a "spiritual healing" business and promoted himself as a clairvoyant an expert in "astrology, numerology, meditation and black magic" services.[76] The business has been described as a front for sexual advances on vulnerable women, who were told that they could only receive treatment if they were undressed and massaged on the breasts and genitals.[12] With some women, he threatened black magic curses if they did not submit to sex with him.

On 14 March 2014, Monis was arrested and charged with sexually and indecently assaulting a young woman who went to his consultancy in Wentworthville, New South Wales, for "spiritual healing", after seeing an advertisement in a local newspaper. Seven months later, on 13 October 2014, a further 40 charges were added, including 22 counts of aggravated sexual assault and 14 counts of aggravated indecent assault, allegedly committed against six more women who had visited his business.[77]

Monis claimed to have converted from Shia Islam to Sunni Islam.[15][86] An announcement on his now-suspended website, posted a week before the Sydney siege, stated: "I used to be a Rafidi, but not any more. Now I am a Muslim, Alhamdu Lillah."[3][87] "Rafidi", which means "one who rejects" in Arabic, "is typically used by Sunnis to denigrate Shias as non-Muslim."[88] Monis also used his website to pledge allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, leader of the Islamic State whose 'main enemies' are the Shi'a.[17]

On the morning of 15 December 2014, Monis took hostage employees and customers at the Lindt chocolate café in Martin Place, Sydney, across from a Seven Network television studio. Hostages were made to hold up a Black Standard with the *shahādah* (Islamic statement of faith) written in white Arabic text.[91]

Neighbouring buildings, including government offices and financial institutions, and Martin Place railway station, were evacuated and locked down. Some hostages managed to escape. The event lasted over 16 hours when hostages made a run for the exit with Monis firing missing all hostages. Monis then took Tori Johnston (the cafe manager) at gunpoint forcing him to kneel before firing a fatal shot into Johnston's head. Police tactical officers then decided to storm the café resulting in a shootout between Monis and police in the early hours of the following morning[92][93] and Monis was confirmed by police to have died in the ensuing confrontation.[94] Two of the hostages also died, several others were wounded, and a police officer suffered minor injuries.[94][95]

No one claimed Monis's body when it was released by the NSW Coroner, and he was subsequently buried in an undisclosed NSW location at state expense.[97]

In 2016, Monis was listed under mentally disturbed individuals who have launched recent violent attacks justified with Islamist ideas or slogans. Other examples include the perpetrator of the 2016 Munich knife attack and Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, the perpetrator of the 2014 shootings at Parliament Hill, Ottawa. According to psychologists and psychiatrists who study radicalisation, jihad propaganda and calls to kill the infidels can push mentally ill individuals to act, even in the absence of direct or personal contact with Islamists.[98]

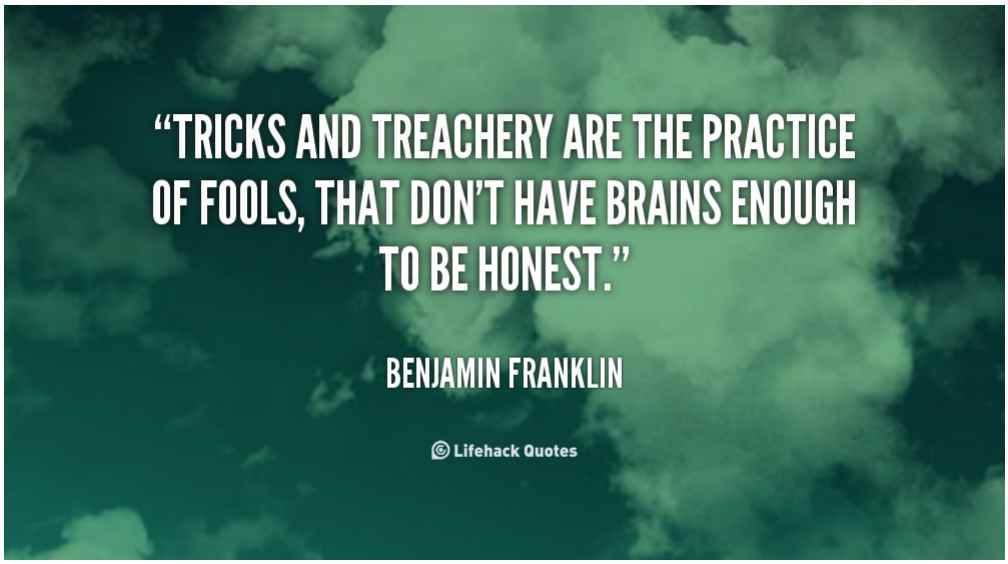
One can dismiss Wahid Azal as merely a bizarre crank, but it appears they dismissed that guy too and look what happened!

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TREACHERY OF BAHA'IS @ REDDIT


"TRICKS AND TREACHERY ARE THE PRACTICE OF FOOLS, THAT DON'T HAVE BRAINS ENOUGH TO BE HONEST."
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
Lifehack Quotes

Ever since I **joined reddit**, I have found it a useful way to connect with others and put out information about certain topics as well as read information from others. Unfortunately, there have been attempts by some to suppress such information.

Take a look at this:

https://www.reddit.com/r/OnThisDateInBahai

> **This community has been banned**
>
> This subreddit was banned due to being used for spam. If you'd like to take it over please make a post in /r/redditrequest

Uh, I was a subscriber to that community and am prepared to testify under oath that any claim that its users were spamming is a LIE. All it did was post information about Baha'i history, including some criticism of it.

It was created by https://www.reddit.com/user/A35821361

> **This account has been suspended**

So both the community and the user that made it were banned from reddit! But I have known that guy for months and he is NOT a spammer.

What really happened was that someone, most likely a Baha'i, REPORTED A35821361 for spamming merely because he sent that person a message, probably with one or more links to information on his community. That is NOT spamming!

This sort of treachery is why I have absolutely NO respect anymore for the Baha'i Faith, because it seems to make its followers engage in backstabbing like this!

And when we ex-Baha'is try to get that community back under our control:

> Requesting r/OnThisDateInBahai; This subreddit was banned due to being used for spam.
> by inredditrequest

dragfyre 1 point 1 day ago

I am the top mod of r/bahaihistory, and would love to mod this subreddit to allow us to split off our existing "On This Day..." content into its own subreddit. Our subreddit has existed for a while, and is currently supported by the *Today in History* project on Bahaikipedia.

aGreenTeaLatte 2 points 17 hours ago

That would be an excellent idea! I second this. r/bahaihistory does need a complementary subreddit to cater to its daily posts, leaving r/bahaihistory for more in-depth discussions of Baha'i history. I think connecting it with the Bahaikipedia project also extends its potential for a subreddit that draws on multiple redditors collaborating.

Also, having a mod with demonstrated experience running and expanding subreddits, collaborating and developing the capacity of others to start modding too, will prevent spam by one individual seeking to make a subreddit his/her own personal message board in future, as was the unfortunate case with r/OnThisDateInBahai.

dragfyre and **aGreenTeaLatte** are certainly people I will be wary of in the future. Who is to say that in a few more months they won't try to suppress **the original ex-Baha'i community in reddit** as well?

The banned user has now created a new blog of Baha'i history:
http://onthisdateinbahaihistory.blogspot.com/?m=0

Let the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, never be suppressed!

Later, a Baha'i named tolk invaded the ex-Baha'i subreddit to pick a fight with us.

https://www.removeddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/8at63r/new_bahai_history_blog_for_critics_of_the_faith

Dale_Husband_HS

Alert! Take a look at this: https://www.reddit.com/r/OnThisDateInBahai/

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/8alrud/this_community_has_been_banned_this_subreddit_was/

https://www.reddit.com/r/redditrequest/comments/8alw5m/requesting_ronthisdateinbahai_this_subreddit_was/

It seems that Baha'is are making an effort to suppress criticism of the Baha'i Faith on reddit by making false reports of spamming there and then attempting to take over the subreddit above. So the creator of that subreddit has moved his operations to blogspot.

This is yet another reason why Baha'is should always be distrusted. They will stab you in the back if you dare to stand up to them and contradict their propaganda.

A35821362

Can someone please explain to me how a forum that individuals willfully go to visit can be banned for "spam" (which a Google search states is "irrelevant or inappropriate messages sent on the Internet to a large number of recipients"? I understand the /u/A35821361 was banned for messaging three individuals with certain information about Bahá'ísm (mind you, after they posted relevant messages about Bahá'ísm). What I do not understand, and perhaps someone can explain to me, is how the banning of A35821361 for sending three messages (i.e., spam) relates to the banning of /r/OnThisDateInBahai?

As I mentioned in another thread, personally, if I receive a message that I do not wish to respond to, I simply ignore it.

I suppose if you are worried about exposure to "spiritual poison" and such, particularly if it is inherited, then you might be more interested in silencing that voice by cutting its tongue off.

Of course, information control is a characteristic of cults, and we know that the Bahá'í Faith is not a cult.

After tolk showed up, I proceeded to take him to the cleaners.

Dale_Husband_HS

Ah, I knew that name looked familiar! tolk has posted a comment on my blog long ago.

https://dalehusband.com/2008/09/07/the-fatal-flaw-in-bahai-authority/#comment-261

{{{tolk says:
September 8, 2008 at 1:13 PM Edit

Hello,

This site is interesting: http://covenantstudy.org/questions/shoghi-effendi-will/ and http://covenantstudy.org/questions/uhj-without-guardian/ }}}

I replied:

[[[Dale Husband says:
September 8, 2008 at 1:27 PM Edit

Thanks for the references, Tolk. I have read those passages before, and once accepted them as valid because I WANTED to believe them, not because they really made sense. They don't, any more than the errors and contradictions of Christianity, Islam, or other religions make sense. Unless and until you look for absolute consistency in any belief system, you will be led astray. Reality, as revealed by science, is the only way to go for me now!

I have NO use whatsoever for religious doublespeak!]]]

And ten years later, I still don't!

Dale_Husband_HS

And for those who are interested, here is tolk doing an interesting bit of damage control elsewhere:

{{{tolk 15 points 5 days ago

The discussion I've run into on other Baha'i forums (facebook) all suggest she was not active/intersted in being a Baha'i, but actively attacked the Faith's views on things like meat eating. Some quotes:

[[In this Persian video she attacks Baha'is and says Bahais eat meat and therefore are Un-enlightened]]

[[I saw her videos some 5 years ago. She attacked Bahais who eat meat. She was a vegetarianism activist.]].

[[She was pointed out to me at a Baha'i conference a few years ago. I was told at that time that although she mixes with Baha'is but she is an activist who likes to create dissent and likes going against the grain! This was through a friend and I decided I wasn't eager to meet a radical militant pseudo Baha'i!]]}}}

You can be a Baha'i and a passionate vegan even though Baha'is are permitted to eat meat. You can also be a Baha'i and argue against smoking even though Baha'is are permitted to smoke.

tolk can't accuse me of dishonesty while doing things like THAT!

Dale_Husband_HS

That does not contradict what I said at all. Here, let me repeat my point: "[Spam is] not merely attempting to share NEWS about a relevant topic that someone is clearly interested in." By definition, criticism of the Baha'i Faith would be relevant to anyone investigating the Faith. So you LIED here!

You really think the stunt you pulled against us will help promote your Faith? The story of what you did is already OUT, tolk! It's out not only on WordPress where my original blog entry was posted, but also on Blogspot where it was copied and on Facebook where links to my blog entry were made.

[[[Would you be okay if Baha'is sent unsolicited private messages to anyone who posted in r/exbahai to tell them how wrong they were? Surely you can see that this isn't appropriate behavior even if you feel very strongly about the subject.]]]

Your arrogance and dishonesty are infuriating. Someone who gets unwanted messages once or twice can simply delete them. Are you seriously claiming that /u/A35821361 sent the same message DOZENS OF TIMES TO THE SAME RECIPIENT? That might indeed be spamming, if you could prove it was done that way.

This clearly shows how desperate you Baha'is have become. The internet will eventually discredit and DESTROY the Baha'i Faith and every other authoritarian cult that exists in the world. It may take another 30 or 40 years, but I have no doubt that a century from now the Baha'i community will exist only as a broken remnant in a few poor parts of the world, much like Zoroastrianism does in Iran and India now. You are only delaying the inevitable.

Tolk eventually deleted all his comments. Coward!

Later:

> An update for those who have been following along…
> byu/A35821362 inexbahai

This guy was BANNED from the very subreddit he created after a Baha'i stole it from him!

In the end, we finally won a partial victory.

> r/OnThisDateInBahai
> by inexbahai

> Thanks to r/redditrequest, justice is served. Our history subreddit remains ours. I'm the new mod and I added another ex-Baha'i in case something happens to my account. On a side note, some of these Baha'is have greatly disappointed me. If something were to happen to r/bahaihistory, I wouldn't take advantage of it. I wouldn't want to violate the golden rule. The same rule that is the foundation of my morality and what I used to denounce the Baha'i Faith.

Where one of the Baha'i offenders said:

> aGreenTeaLatte
>
> I recall my issue with it being that it presents itself as Baha'i. The name makes it seem it's a daily version of r/bahaihistory, that is, with r/bahaihistory being about longer expositions and discussions and r/onthisdateinbahai being a daily posting, and both being connected to one another. But as it stands, they are both used similarly, one by the Baha'is on Reddit, one by a single individual to present his personal take of the Baha'i faith. He even uses the 9 pointed star from bahaiteachings.org lol, so anyone familiar with that website would think its officially Baha'i. On the other hand, I or other Baha'is wouldn't petition for control of r/exbahai because this sub isn't officially Baha'i and it's obvious.

Granted, that was a legitimate issue to bring up to us, but backstabbing the subreddit's creator and trying to steal the subreddit only made the reddit Baha'is look like assholes.

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UNITARIAN BAHA'IS

Over the past 30 years, I have gone from being a member of a Unitarian Universalist church, to being a member of the Haifa based Baha'i Faith, to returning to the Unitarian Universalist church. Since 2010, it seems there has been found a way to merge the two religions and to use the internet to break the power of the "mainstream" Baha'i Faith and allow religious freedom to be a genuine concept for Baha'is to embrace among themselves.

Introducing the **Unitarian Baha'is**:

http://unitarianbahais.org/

http://unitarianbahais.org/about/

Unitarian Baha'i Faith is an interpretation of the Baha'i religion characterized by a focus on individual freedom of conscience rather than the authority of Baha'i leaders and institutions.

The Baha'i Faith is a religion teaching the essential worth of all religions, and the unity and equality of all people especially the family of Baha'u'llah. The teachings of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Faith, form the foundation for the Baha'i belief. Three principles are central to these teachings: the unity of God, the unity of religion, and the unity of humanity. Baha'is believe that God periodically reveals his will through divine messengers, whose purpose is to transform the character of humankind and to develop, within those who respond, moral and spiritual qualities. Religion is thus seen as orderly, unified, and progressive from age to age.

Baha'i teachings are in some ways similar to other monotheistic faiths: God is considered single and all-powerful. However, Baha'u'llah taught that religion is orderly and progressively revealed by one God through Manifestations of God who are the founders of major world religions throughout history; Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad being the most recent in the period before the Bab and Baha'u'llah.

"Say: all things are of God." This exalted utterance is like unto water for quenching the fire of hate and enmity which smouldereth within the hearts and breasts of men. By this single utterance contending peoples and kindreds will attain the light of true unity.

– Baha'u'llah, The Book of My Covenant

Baha'is believes in all the principles such as the oneness and singleness of God, The oneness of mankind, Equality of Races, Equality of Men and Women, Harmony of Science and Religion, Religion without Clergy, Universal Language, Universal Tribunal, Universal Peace.

Unitarian Baha'is consider the Bab as the forerunner of He whom God shall manifest and Baha'u'llah as the Fulfiller! The Manifestation.

In history, every Prophet of God came and assigned a successor after him to lead the religion of God and to withstand the rivals from harming the righteous path. However, in the will of Baha'u'llah (Kitab-i-Ahdi), he had appointed two Guardians out of his four sons to safeguard and spread the faith worldwide which is as follows:

"Truly, God has ordained the station of Ghusn-i-Akbar after the station of the former [Ghusn-i-Azam, Abbas Effendi]. We have surely chosen Akbar after Azam as a command from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

As Baha'u'llah was the Manifestation of God, he prophesied in the above statement that he had appointed his elder son Abbas Effendi preceded by his younger son Mohammad Ali Effendi as his successor. Baha'u'llah was indeed aware of

the fact that his elder son will fall in his own greed and will be deviated from the holy word of God and his second son will prevail.

Secondly, due to Abbas Effendi's deviation and rebellious actions against God led him to be cut off from his male descendants causing it to be deprived of further Guardianship from his progeny whereas his younger son's (Muhammad Ali Effendi) lineage and guidance still continues according to the will of his father.

Lastly, we wanted to know more about the pure descendants of Baha'u'llah and the one who could lead the dynasty of Guardianship and the flawless religion of God.

Historical Unitarian Baha'is

The first Unitarian Baha'i was Mirza Muhammad Ali, also known as Ghusn-i-Akbar ("the Greatest Branch"), the second son of Baha'u'llah.

Baha'u'llah's will named Abdul-Baha, the eldest son, as his successor, and stated that Ghusn-i-Akbar's status or rank was after that of Abdul-Baha. None of Baha'u'llah's other children were mentioned by name in the will.

Most of Baha'u'llah's family supported Ghusn-i-Akbar's side, including Baha'u'llah's two surviving wives, Fatima and Gawhar, and all of their children. However Baha'u'llah's daughter Bahiyyih Khanum, from his late first wife Asiyih Khanum, and the vast majority of Baha'is supported Abdu'l Baha's side of the dispute.

The supporters of Mirza Muhammad Ali called themselves "Unitarians" because they emphasized the concept Oneness of God and absolute prohibition of joining partners with God (known as Unitarianism among Christians).

Hence Abdu'l-Baha was deviated from the covenant of Baha'u'llah but Mirza Muhammad `Ali sincerely pray that God may forgive and guide them to the truth.

Our Aim

Unitarian Baha'is today seek to revive actual teaching of Baha'u'llah. Modern Unitarian Baha'is is an understanding that emphasizes the unity and transcendence of God, the humanity and limitations of all religious leaders including prophets, the importance of inclusion and tolerance among followers of Baha'u'llah and people of all faiths.

We have a tolerant and welcoming view toward some types of people who are viewed with suspicion or rejected by the supporters of Abdu'l-Baha especially the so called Universal House of Justice.

Many Baha'is today are members or supporters of the Unitarian Universalist Association and participate in its cause and congregations.

The Unitarian Baha'is includes all the living descendants of Baha'u'llah (the Aghsan); the descendants of those whom were excommunicated by Abbas Effendi, and later Shoghi Effendi.

Unitarian Baha'is who identify themselves as followers of Baha'u'llah, the Founding-Prophet of the Baha'i Faith. We welcome all unenrolled Baha'is, Free Baha'is, the Aghsan (the descendants of Baha'u'llah living in Israel who followed Muhammad Ali Baha'i, the second son of Baha'u'llah), Israeli-Baha'is, Baha'is-Muslims, Baha'i-Christians, Orthodox Baha'is, Baha'is Loyal to the Guardian, Tarbiyat Baha'is, Reformed Baha'is and Baha'is who belong to the Administrative Order headquartered in Haifa, Israel.

WE WELCOME ALL...WE SHUN NONE!

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UNITARIAN BAHAISM (DELETED WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE)

(Note: This is a copy of an entry on Wikipedia that was deleted by one of its admin after a determined effort to get it banned by Haifan Baha'is. This is an example of the thought control and censorship that is subjected to anyone who stands up to the bullies that run or serve the Baha'i Administrative Order. Damn them!)

Unitarian Bahaism is an interpretation of the Bahai religion characterized by a focus on individual freedom of conscience rather than the authority of Bahai leaders and institutions, not linked with the Haifa-based Baha'i Faith denomination.[1][*self-published source?*] Historically, it existed from the death of the Bahai prophet Bahá'u'lláh in 1892, when a schism occurred between two of his sons,[2] until at least 1937, when the second son Mirza Muhammad Ali died. Today, Unitarian Bahaism is being revived by the Unitarian Bahai Association, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization founded in March 2010.[3][*self-published source?*]

Unitarian Bahais consider the Bab and Bahá'u'lláh as inspired spiritual teachers. They consider `Abdu'l-Bahá and Mirza Muhammad Ali as the successors of Bahá'u'lláh.[4] They consider Shoghi Effendi's status as Guardian of the Bahai faith to be of questionable legitimacy, and they do not regard the Universal House of Justice seated in Haifa, Israel, as an authority that must be followed.[5][*self-published source?*]

Historical Unitarian Bahais

The first Unitarian Bahai was Mírzá Muhammad `Alí,[2] also known as *Ghusn-i-Akbar* ("the Greatest Branch"), the second son of Bahá'u'lláh.[6][*self-published source?*] Bahá'u'lláh's will named `Abdu'l-Bahá, the eldest son, as his successor, and stated that Ghusn-i-Akbar's status or rank was after that of `Abdu'l-Bahá. None of Bahá'u'lláh's other children were mentioned by name in the will.[7] `Abdu'l-Bahá and Mirza Muhammad Ali disagreed about how much authority Bahá'u'lláh's will conferred on `Abdu'l-Bahá, and their dispute became personal and turned into a family feud,[8] as has been described from various points of view including that of `Abdu'l-Bahá in his own will,[9][*non-primary source needed*] Mirza Muhammad Ali in a Unitarian Bahai magazine,[10][*non-primary source needed*] Shoghi Effendi (grandson and successor of `Abdu'l-Bahá) in his book *God Passes By*,[11] and William McElwee Miller, a Christian minister who wrote a book critical of the Bahai faith.[12]

Most of Bahá'u'lláh's family supported *Ghusn-i-Akbar's* side, including Baha'u'llah's two surviving wives, Fatima and Gawhar, and all of their children. However Bahá'u'lláh's daughter Bahiyyih Khánum, from his late first wife Ásíyih Khánum, and the vast majority of Bahá'ís supported `Abdu'l-Bahá's side of the dispute. The supporters of Mirza Muhammad `Ali called themselves "Unitarians" because they emphasized the Islamic concept of *tawhid*, the Oneness of God and absolute prohibition of joining partners with God (known as Unitarianism among Christians).[13] They were excommunicated and declared Covenant-breakers by 'Abdu'l-Bahá for their refusal to obey him and accept his understanding of the religion.[14]

Ibrahim George Kheiralla, a Syrian Christian convert to the Bahá'í Faith, emigrated to the United States and founded the first American Bahá'í community.[15][16] Initially he was loyal to 'Abdu'l-Bahá, but he taught that 'Abdu'l-Bahá was the return of Christ, and when 'Abdu'l-Bahá learned this was becoming the widespread understanding of the Bahá'ís in America he took pains to correct the mistake, according to Bahá'í author Peter Smith.[17] Later on, Kheiralla switched sides in the conflict between Bahá'u'lláh's sons and supported Mirza Muhammad Ali. He formed the Society of Behaists, a religious denomination promoting Unitarian Bahaism in the U.S., which was led after his death by Shuaullah Behai, son of Mirza Muhammad Ali.[18]

Shuaullah Behai, the eldest grandson of Bahá'u'lláh, emigrated to the United States in June 1904 at the behest of his

father, Mirza Muhammad Ali.[19]. He published a Unitarian Bahai magazine called *Behai Quarterly* for three years, 1934 to 1937, in the English language, which featured the writings of Ghusn-i-Akbar and various other Unitarian Bahais, including himself, Kheiralla, Mirza Majdeddin (nephew and son-in-law of Baha'u'llah), and several Americans. The Unitarian Bahaism of this period appears to have mostly died out after Ghusn-i-Akbar's death, however, continuing to exist only among the descendants of Bahá'u'lláh through the later wives.[20]

Modern Unitarian Bahais

Nigar Bahai Amsalem, the great-granddaughter of Bahá'u'lláh and granddaughter of both Mirza Muhammad Ali (*Ghusn-i-Akbar*) and Bahá'u'lláh's youngest son Badiullah, supports Unitarian Bahaism[*citation needed*] and was interviewed in the 2006 Israeli film mockumentary[21] *Baha'is In My Backyard.*[1] She has built a shrine at the tomb of her grandfather, Mirza Muhammad Ali, and opposes the Haifa-based denomination. She withheld information on her opposition during her interview for the film.[22]

Unitarian Bahais today seek to revive Ghusn-i-Akbar's school of thought, while also recognizing the positive contributions of `Abdu'l-Bahá to the Bahai religion.[6] Modern Unitarian Bahaism is an understanding that emphasizes the unity and transcendence of God, the humanity and limitations of all religious leaders including prophets, the importance of inclusion and tolerance among followers of Bahaullah and people of all faiths, and the responsibility of Bahais to engage with politics and social causes.[23]

Modern Unitarian Bahaism has a tolerant and welcoming view toward some types of people who are viewed with suspicion or rejected by the mainstream Baha'i Faith. This includes partnered and non-celibate lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals, politically active people, all residents of Israel, all descendants of Baha'u'llah (including those who are regarded as Covenant-breakers by the other Bahai denominations), and people in Muslim countries who hide their religion and publicly practice Islam.[5] See Persecution of Bahá'ís and Egyptian identification card controversy especially for those Bahá'ís who don't hide their religion.

Many Unitarian Bahais today are members or supporters of the Unitarian Universalist Association and participate in its congregations.[24][25]

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Bahá'í divisions

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UPDATE ON MY CURRENT BATTLE ON YOUTUBE

After I filed counter notices about the videos that Wahid Azal made fraudulent copyright claims on, YouTube sent me this message:

Dear Dale Husband,

Thank you for your counter notification. It has been forwarded to the party that sent the takedown notification.

Keep in mind that by submitting this counter notification, you've initiated a formal legal dispute process. As such, YouTube will handle this process in accordance with the law. This process takes some time, so we kindly ask for your patience.

Upon forwarding your counter notification to the claimant, we will allow them 10–14 business days from this date to respond with evidence that they have taken court action against you to prevent the reinstatement of the video(s) in question.

If we receive no response, after that time period your videos will be restored and the associated penalties on your account will be resolved.

You will receive updates in this email thread about your counter notification's status. You can also check its status within your Video Manager. Though no response is required of you, please respond directly to this message should you choose to provide us with any further information.

– The YouTube Team

Counter Notification as follows:

Videos included in counter notification:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQO_7clkdHY

Display name of uploader: Dale Husband

I am the actual owner of the content made in this video, not the person making the copyright claim against me. I wrote the script and made the video based on actual events that took place in reddit in 2019, so I am puzzled as to how descriptions of real life events and of real people can be considered copyright infringment. Rather, the one making the false claim is attempting to suppress my legal right to free speech. That is my legal claim and I will defend it in court if called upon to do so!

I swear, under penalty of perjury, that I have a good faith belief the material was removed due to a mistake or misidentification of the material to be removed or disabled.

I consent to the jurisdiction of the Federal District Court for the district in which my address is located, or if my address is outside of the United States, the judicial district in which YouTube is located, and will accept service of process from the claimant.

Dale Husband

[address, e-mail address, and phone number omitted]

I then wrote them back:

After doing some searching, I have found the basis for the false copyright claims made against me regarding these two videos I made:

https://youtu.be/mQO_7clkdHY

https://youtu.be/9_FGQY1WcRU

Here is a blog: https://gatehood.com/

If you look at the very bottom of the screen, you will see: © 2021 Gatehood . Powered by WordPress.

This indicates to me that the blog was made only this year. And yet…….

https://gatehood.com/betrayed-by-brett-hard/

Posted April 13, 2017

https://gatehood.com/an-update-on-brett-hart/

December 24, 2017

So how is it possible for blog entries to be even older than the actual blog they are on? Through a process I call backdating.

In WordPress blogs, it is possible to change the date of a blog entry. This may be done to take an old blog entry, modify it with updates, and then move it to the top of the blog to allow its readers to see it again. I call this process forwarddating. But blog entries can also be backdated, meaning a date earlier than when the blog entry was originally posted.

For the sake of clarity, here is my original blog entry that contains the script for the one of the videos I made on YouTube:

https://dalehusband.com/2019/09/28/betrayed-by-wahid-azal-podcast/

That is indeed MY original content!

The real life event referred to in my blog entry is here:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cxhzog/measures_to_restore_civility/

This occurred in 2019, NOT 2017.

Wahid Azal attempted to destroy a community in reddit with lies, innuendo, and threats and was expelled for that, and my videos reported on his treachery to the world outside reddit. It is clear that he is now attempting to suppress my reports of his disgraceful behavior, so he must have created the blog Gatehood and its two blog entries for the sole purpose of denying my freedom of speech. By making those copyright claims against me, he has committed FRAUD!

Dale Husband

So, what will Wahid Azal's next move be?

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WAHID AZAL DISGRACES HIMSELF AGAIN.

Wahid Azal has a long history of picking stupid fights with people just to pump up his hyperinflated ego. This week, he did it again to one of my exBaha'i allies.

> Response to u/SuccessfulCorner2512
> by inBAYAN

He was referring to this:

> Universal Peace Quotes by 20th Century
> byu/trevor-mack inexbahai

Where the following comments were made:

> SuccessfulCorner2512
> It's difficult to understand that view, to be honest. If I were to rank the Baha'i figures in terms of harmful beliefs, the Bab would top it by some margin, followed by Baha'u'llah (though the future potential for harm is greater for BH). The Bab caused anarchy and bloodshed for several years, and when given a viable plan to stop the bloodshed, he replied that the blood was like fertiliser for the soil. He advocated beliefs so deeply fanatical that we can find no parallel outside recent extremist religious movements such as ISIS, e.g. taking possessions away from non-believers to give to believers, burning books, and many other despicable, evil, and ludicrous teachings.
>
> The notion that God would "manifest" on Earth and tell us to burn books and kill non-believers, as the Bab did, makes me shudder. The Bab was definitely one of the evilest men in recent Persian history.

> trident765
>
> Unitarian Baha'i
>
> I'm not too concerned with the Bab's teachings on violence since Baha'u'llah came later and banned holy war and abrogated the burning of books. So it is no longer an important question if the Bab taught violence. In any case, there have been times in history where violence was justified (e.g. pre-Islamic Arabia).

> SuccessfulCorner2512
>
> So God endorsed the burning of books and homicide in 1844 and changed his mind in 1863. Fickle isn't he.

Then someone barged in to attack SuccessfulCorner.

> Charming-Jacket-7672
>
> Wahid Azal sockpuppet
>
> What is your evidence that the Babis endorsed burning books and homicide, you shameless IR hack? Tell us again how many leftists Khomeini ordered executed without trial at the tail end of the war with Iraq that you so-and-sos started.

> Charming-Jacket-767
>
> Wahid Azal sockpuppet
>
> *The Bab caused anarchy and bloodshed for several years,*
>
> This is IRI state propaganda and mullah nonsense articulated by the same people who literally created anarchy in Iran during 1978-9 to seize power by force and murder millions. No such anarchy was created in Iran by the Babis. They were pushed by a corrupt system, and so rightfully took a stance of defensive jihad against it. Proto-ISIS was the Ayatollah Khomeini and the system you truck for, basiji-e-koon kesh!

I recognized this user as another account being used by Wahid Azal, so I deleted the comments and reported them to the other mods of r/exbahai, causing him to be banned again.

SuccessfulCorner then went to the new post Azal made in his own subreddit.

> SuccessfulCorner2512
>
> Wahid, I'd be happy to debate you if you'd be happy to tone down the obtuse language and use paragraphs.
>
> Now, tell me more about yourself. You identify as a Babi but not a Baha'i?

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wahidazal66
Bayānī

You don't know who I am? Some of the **people of Hot Air** (أهل هباء) (i.e. our terminology for bahais first coined by Subh-i-Azal) consider me to be **enemy #1**.

Now, you have made a series of false assertions that come straight out of the textbooks of IR state propaganda regarding the Babi period. Can you support what you say?

Let's start here. You say:

"*The Bab caused anarchy and bloodshed for several years, and when given a viable plan to stop the bloodshed, he replied that the blood was like fertiliser for the soil.* "

Besides being a lame, ahistorical and revisionist apology for Qajar absolutism and the unchecked power of their clerical allies of the time, pray tell, where exactly did the Primal Point say, "*blood was like fertiliser for the soil*"? Source?

Besides other things, the argument you are making above is a pro-statist argument. First, you are rationalizing the authoritarianism and corruption of the Qajar state and clergy. Second, you are thoroughly whitewashing the events of the time. Third, you have not even factored in what the Qajar state and clergy did to push the Babis into open revolt against it. In other words, your argument possesses no causality and attempts to represent the Babi Revolution as a sort of *sui generis* violent uprising with the state and clergy as its "innocent victims" – LOL! – who did nothing to bring it upon themselves! Again, these are the sorts of fallacies and whitewashes the IRI and its *hawzavi* allies regularly employ as talking points about the Babis and the era: talking points that also have a few of their sources in the intellectually dishonest Baha'i sectarian rewrite of Babi history.

Then you say: *He advocated beliefs so deeply fanatical that we can find no parallel outside recent extremist religious movements such as ISIS…*

The comparison to Daesh/ISIS is a regular IR talking point and is nonsense, and the claim to finding no parallel is an even bigger fallacy. But these are things IR state media and the seminary regularly (and hypocritically) claim about the Bayan.

Then without context, you state:

e.g. taking possessions away from non-believers to give to believers, burning books, and many other despicable, evil, and ludicrous teachings.

First, disenfranchising non-believers of their property in the Bayan is only a feature under a Babi/Bayani state which did not exist between 1844-1850. Second, contrary to what you and the mullahs claim, there is no provision in the Bayan for the burning or destruction of books. Instead this is a claim first dishonestly asserted by the founder of Bahaism and then parrot-fashion repeated by the mullahs as a way to misrepresent the provision and nuanced language of the sixth gate of the sixth Unity of the Bayan. In fact the **13th gate of the 9th Unity of the Bayan** unequivocally commands the opposite, that under no circumstance a book or piece of writing ever be materially destroyed:

أنتم أبدًا كتابًا لا تخرقون

So what are the other *despicable, evil, and ludicrous teachings* here then? Your very language in misrepresenting the teachings, ordinances and history of the Bayan is the language of the IRI! Do you deny it?

SuccessfulCorner2512

·11 hr. ago

> *You don't know who I am? Some of the people of Hot Air (أهل هباء) (i.e. our terminology for bahais first coined by Subh-i-Azal) consider me to be enemy #1.*

Never heard of you. You appear to be the only follower of an extinct religion, which must be fun.

It's ironic that you talk about hot air, as you're standing alone on top of an extinct volcano (Babism), substituting its bygone life with noise and hot air of your own.

> *Besides being a lame, ahistorical and revisionist apology for Qajar absolutism and the unchecked power of their clerical allies of the time, pray tell, where exactly did the Primal Point say, "blood was like fertiliser for the soil"? Source?*

The sentiment here was the dominant pep talk from the Bab and among the followers of the blood-stained Babi

movement. There's no shortage of examples, including Hujjat-i-Zanjani who encouraged the Babi's with "God has always decreed that in every age the blood of the believers is to be the oil of the lamp of religion."

Similarly, Mulla-Husayn proclaimed, "Many a soul will, in this city, shed his blood in this path. That blood will water the Tree of God, will cause it to flourish, and to overshadow all mankind".

Of course, the Bab could have intervened to stop the needless bloodshed. The Mu'tamid of Isfahan, Imárat-i-Khurshíd, approached the Bab with a plan which included arranging the marriage of the Bab to a sister of the Shah. The Bab replied "Not by the means which you fondly imagine will an almighty Providence accomplish the triumph of His Faith. Through the poor and lowly of this land, by the blood which these shall have shed in His path, will the omnipotent Sovereign ensure the preservation and consolidate the foundation of His Cause."

Of course, none of this happened. They all died in vain for an evil and worthless cause.

> *First, disenfranchising non-believers of their property in the Bayan is only a feature under a Babi/Bayani state which did not exist between 1844-1850.*

Shame on you, and shame on this disgusting false religion!

The theocratic state envisioned by the Bab was one characterized by a strange dualism of wickedness and stupidity. You acknowledged above an example of the unspeakably wicked vision of the Bab. Examples of his unspeakably stupid teachings include Babis writing the 95 names of God in henna on their bodies after a bath, reciting 700 Bayanic verses daily, not keeping over 19 (wahid) books, and many others, but I'll spare you the embarrassment. The Bab's obsession with the number 19 was clearly an expression of mental illness. He even foretold a time when "even the pens on the pencase shall be arranged according to the number wahid (19)".

As for your comments on the response of the state, let us be absolutely clear: there is no government on Earth that would allow a new group of religious fanatics to establish such an evil and dystopic society as that envisioned by the Bab.

Wahid's response showed he had been insincere in wanting any real debate.

> wahidazal66
> Bayānī
>
> **ROFLMAO!** That's it? That's all you got. Tsk tsk tsk...
>
> Let's get something straight, by your uncritical, unnuanced and totally shambolic ahistorical state propaganda sloganeering of a response (that is utterly full of sh*t from start to finish like everyone and everything associated with that regime) – merely repeating parrot fashion the same trite BS of IR state propaganda – you reveal yourself exactly as being what I say you are: an openly transparent propagandist and shill full of crap working for the Islamic Republic of Iran just here littering reddit and Wikipedia with their trash. You opine:
>
> *"God has always decreed that in every age the blood of the believers is to be the oil of the lamp of religion."*
>
> The sentiment and words come directly from Shi'ite *hadith*. That you have a problem with it just shows your ignorance regarding your own sources. Then comes the real holler:
>
> *"Many a soul will, in this city, shed his blood in this path. That blood will water the Tree of God, will cause it to flourish, and to overshadow all mankind".*

You are citing a Baha' i source, the Dawn Breakers, where Shoghi Effendi is literally putting words into the mouths of the protagonists for dramatic effect. We don't even accept the legitimacy of that source. Find me something comparable in *nuqtat'ul-kaf*. Be that as it may, let's assume for argument's sake he said it: again, such wording and sentiments are replete throughout Shi'ite sources which the Babis merely echoed and pericoped. Your so-called dajjaal-imam Khomeini went on the pulpit in May 1979 in front of cameras and encouraged people to get themselves martyred and spill their own blood after the assassination of Mottahhari. Hypocrisy much?

And here is where your total ignorance and bias really reveals itself:

Examples of his unspeakably stupid teachings include Babis writing the 95 names of God in henna on their bodies after a bath, reciting 700 Bayanic verses daily, not keeping over 19 (wahid) books, and many others, but I'll spare you the embarrassment. The Bab's obsession with the number 19 was clearly an expression of mental illness.

Actually, it is writing *allahumma* (O God) for men with henna once (and in the baths) and *al-rahman* (the Compassionate) for women once (and in the baths). 95x is the bare minimum number of times a daily *dhikr* is to be recited. 700 is the number that the *dhikr* **Allahu Azhar** is to be recited. 19 is the number of the Unity (*wahid*) as well as the numerical value of Existence (*wujud*) in the science of the letters, not to mention the precise number of letters in the *bismillah*. If you call it mental illness, perhaps you should also call your *dajjaal* so-called imam one too since he too was enamored by the science of the letters and numbers and demonstrates it in his commentaries on al-Fatiha, the works of Hamza Fanari and Sadruddin Qunawi, etc. Your ignorance, animus and bias towards the the Primal Point and the Babis is so profound that it thoroughly unmasks you as a shill because for all their own unbelievable ignorance no bahai – whether enrolled or ex – would ever utter the kind of garbled, ignorant BS as you have here.

Then you say:

Of course, the Bab could have intervened to stop the needless bloodshed. The Mu'tamid of Isfahan, Imárat-i-Khurshíd, approached the Bab with a plan which included arranging the marriage of the Bab to a sister of the Shah. The Bab replied "Not by the means which you fondly imagine will an almighty Providence accomplish the triumph of His Faith. Through the poor and lowly of this land, by the blood which these shall have shed in His path, will the omnipotent Sovereign ensure the preservation and consolidate the foundation of His Cause."

Again, you have your chronology completely garbled while also citing a BS source. While the Primal Point was in Isfahan and under the protection of Manuchehr Khan Mu'tamid-ad-Dawlih, the Georgian, who was the Point's devotee, there was no bloodshed. So whatever words Shoghi Effendi has put into the mouth of the Point, it is a figment of his own imagination. The bloodshed begins 18 months after He left Isfahan. Be that as it may, you are blaming the Primal Point for refusing a royal bribe? You are a piece of work, but quite predictable for the IR/hawzavi types who are literally willing to give *fellatio* to anyone who even symbolically supports them, whatever the cost, like Khamenei is to Putin ATM. One recent name comes to mind as to what utter clowns you *vilayatis* are on that score: Catherine Shakdam!

Your incessant comparison of the Babis to Daesh/ISIS is the dead giveaway that you are a regime hack since it is one of the most notable and regular talking points of the regime. Hasan Ershad keeps repeating it parrot fashion. Every other regime polemicist has been saying exactly the same thing over and over again. Your alter ego u/Investigator919 has been saying this stuff like a broken record himself, and every time he has been challenged and shown the evidence that his assertion is a lie, he censors or runs away – and later comes back saying the same thing again. If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck then it is a regime hack! That gullible

fools like DH can't see it is because, well, they are gullible fools being played like fiddles by you devils. But not everyone is a mentally ill, attention-seeking gullible fool like DH is.

That said, you and those viciously malevolent ignoramuses like you are a decisive argument as to why the Babis should've slaughtered every single last one of you *hawzavis* without mercy to the last man, woman and child without pulling a single punch. If they had, there wouldn't have been a Khomeinist state in Iran for the past 44 years with an estimated and cumulative number of 3-4+ million Iranians murdered by it. This generation won't be making the same mistake again.

In conclusion, you say you've never heard of me? Your alternative handle u/Investigator919 very much has. Hear this then, Basiji-e-oghdei: nice try, a$$h*le, but surely you don't think people are really that dumb to not be on to you. Fuck off now back to your cubicle in Qom, or run along keep pretending you are some exbahai living in the UK and no one notices – when you aren't any such thing!

Consider this having wiped the floor with your degenerate backside. So go now and cry to your little know-nothing, pedo Texan puppet, Gomer, to comfort his fellow degenerate because my argument opening this post stands unassailable like the Rock of Gibraltar with you duffuses incapable of refuting it.

سبزی پلو با ماهی، کس ننت بسیجی

The designations "DH" and "Gomer" refer to me. Gomer is perhaps a reference to Gomer Pyle, a classic TV character from the 1960s.

Meanwhile, I noticed the post by Azal and crossposted it to r/exbahai

A defense of the Bab
by inexbahai

And made my own comments:

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Since I am probably banned from r/BAYAN and would never go in there anyway:

The Bab claimed to be the return of the 12th Imam. That claim was forever debunked by his death.....HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE MARTYRED! But the influence of Christianity enabled Babis to later believe the Bab willingly died for the Cause of God just as Jesus had done. Google "sunk cost fallacy" to understand this appearant shift in their thinking.

Yes, the Babis DID attempt to overthrow the Persian government by violence once the Shah refused to convert to the Babi Faith, because the Iman Mahdi was expected to overthrow ALL the enemies of the Cause of God. Wahid Azal is flat out lying if he denies the fuking obvious.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

an audience of mostly 'vanilla and milk-toast' Anglo-American liberals of 'Unitarian Universalist' mold

It is hilarious that he used to call me (an American of European descent and, yes, a Unitarian Universalist) a racist, while he himself spits out such blatantly bigoted crap like that, clearly aimed at me. Who does he think he is?!

He needs to get a dictionary. And sessions with a psychiatrist. He has absolutely no business telling others about racism. #hypocrite

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Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

And here's another damning example of Wahid Azal totally misrepresenting the Bab's teachings in a desperate attempt to make the Bab look better than he was:

https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/cxdsax/answering_investigator919s_disinfo_part_1/

Gaslighting 101.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Over there:

SuccessfulCorner2512

Wahid, I'd be happy to debate you if you'd be happy to tone down the obtuse language and use paragraphs.

Now, tell me more about yourself. You identify as a Babi but not a Baha'i?

wahidazal66

You don't know who I am? Some of the people of Hot Air (i.e. our terminology for bahais) identify me as enemy #1.

Now, you have made a series of assertions that come straight out of the textbooks of IR state propaganda regarding the Babi period. Can you support what you say?

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identify me as enemy #1.

I seriously doubt that, since you are not a government official in Iran or some other country known to have persecuted Baha'is. You are just some cultist screaming across the internet.

you have made a series of assertions that come straight out of the textbooks of IR state propaganda regarding the Babi period.

Isn't THAT itself a wild assertion? Don't ask him to support his claims while you never can

support YOURS.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Wahid has edited his earlier comment, perhaps thinking I wouldn't notice and react to it. It is now up to u/SuccessfulCorner2512 to respond to his challenge. Specifically:

1. Where did the Bab say that "blood was like fertilizer for the soil" in reference to his opponents in Persia?
2. Is it really appropriate to compare the Babi movement in the 1840s to ISIS? Based on what facts?

SuccessfulCorner2512

I'll cross-post here in case he deletes it:
(The long comment he made at Azal over there)

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Oh, I'm sure he won't delete your reply, but he will resort to personal insults, lies, and mental gymnastics that rival anything Baha'is have ever done. That's what he is notorious for and why he was banned from here years ago.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Confirmed!

(The long comment Azal made with references to me.....that were added in an edit later)

Google Translate makes that last Persian passage to say:

Vegetable rice with fish, you won't like it.

Whatever that means.

SuccessfulCorner then reported to me that Azal banned him from r/BAYAN. LOL!

BTW, it's interesting that Azal uses the same arguments to make the Bab's lunacy more palatable to Western audiences that Baha'is do, and Baha'is have done so much to spread knowledge of and belief in the Bab around the world, yet Azal hates Baha'is. That's like Christians hating Jews despite Jesus himself being Jewish!

Another note: Dismissing arguments against the credibility of the Bab as Iranian state propaganda is a form of the ad hominem fallacy. Historical facts with clear and consistent documentation and logical consistency are what matter, not where the facts came from. That's why I used logic and my understanding of Shia Muslim teachings to debunk the

Bab's and Wahid Azal's claims. I would do that even though I am an atheist and even if Iran had a secular government.

Just for fun, here's a song by the rock band Ghost:

☐ Video:



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WAHID AZAL GOES ON ANOTHER CHILDISH RAMPAGE

It's been known for years that both DavidBinOwen and Wahid Azal have been "ban evaders" in reddit, meaning they would create many sockpuppet accounts to try to infiltrate and disrupt the discussions in r/exbahai long after they were banned from it. These have been documented on the following blog entries:

> History Repeats Itself in the ExBaha'i Subreddit
>
> [Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/10/23/history-repeats-itself-in-the-exbahai-subreddit/embed/#?secret=uTVvoZKAfQ#?secret=Pgq7EIvP3Y]
>
> Wahid Azal Repeats his Lies and Makes More Excuses
>
> [Video: https://dalehusband.com/2023/03/24/wahid-azal-repeats-his-lies-and-makes-more-excuses/embed/#?secret=XgwTQ3Qk9q#?secret=kQqa2xxJO7]
>
> Damning proof that Wahid Azal lied outright about Naser Emtesali and "u/MirzaJan"
>
> [Video: https://dalehusband.com/2023/05/14/damning-proof-that-wahid-azal-lied-outright-about-naser-emtesali-and-mirza-jan/embed/#?secret=DaT1UMwlJt#?secret=qNqxXSxQyM]
>
> A massive fight with "DavidBinOwen" in reddit
>
> [Video: https://dalehusband.com/2020/07/12/a-massive-fight-with-davidbinowen-in-reddit/embed/#?secret=9SPDZ7m30y#?secret=uY5vxhSBmu]
>
> The Hilarious Discrediting of DavidBinOwen
>
> [Video: https://dalehusband.com/2021/11/03/the-hilarious-discrediting-of-davidbinowen/embed/#?secret=6uVbjLnAwT#?secret=RKvGrJpEMa]

Recently, Wahid has been making many, **many**, MANY accounts for the purpose of harassment of us.

We first noticed this here:

> What are some of the strangest laws written by the bab you found?
> byu/hhhhhbbhghhh inexbahai

> Seeker_Alpha1701
> Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist
>
> Are you referring to the various Baha'i houses of worship that have been built around the world? They are indeed known to have nine sides to them....a design that is impractical as hell.
>
> On a note, I have yet to see arguments regarding the Bab or his teachings that make him look any more credible or appealing than, say, Adolph Hitler or Charles Manson. I mean, they had followers and became world famous, with scholars researching their supposed mental states and their rises and downfalls, but beyond that, who

cares? They're both dead and their perverted movements should have died with them, obviously. Good riddance.

SayfAllahQuddusiyah

One day, God willing, we will say this very thing about America and its faux-liberalism which built itself atop slavery, genocide of natives, resource theft, white supremacy, and the death of millions around the world.

The Primal Point and His relevance will outlive the dominance of you arrogant white liberal Anglo-American honkies. Take it to the bank!

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_herring

Of course, I'm not falling for that crap.

SayfAllahQuddusiyah

No redd herring there. A statement of fact. Get your logical fallacies right without recourse to wackopedia.

SuccessfulCorner2512

The Bab was mentally ill. Almost everything he wrote was strange. Even Baha'i scholars find it incomprehensible.

SayfAllahQuddusiyah

Only two types of people make such a statement: **1)** Shiite seminarians and/or IR regime apologists and **2)** biased individuals with no knowledge of either classical Arabic or 1200 years of Islamic literary developments. If your understanding of the Bab was filtered through warped Baha'i lenses that is no reflection on actual facts. If your understanding of the Bab is filtered through biased Shiite establishmentarian lenses that is no reflection on the facts either. Scholars such as E.G. Browne, A-L-M Nicolas, Arthur Gobinueau, Todd Lawson, Denis MacEoin, Stephan Lambden, etc, were and are all fascinated by him and have spent a considerable period of their lives studying Him and the writings He composed in only a 6 year period. For an Englishman and then a Frenchman to learn classical Arabic and Persian – such as Browne and Nicolas – in order to get access to the Bab's writings in the original says your observation is ignorant, way off, totally misplaced, and is no reflection on any facts. For a Frenchman like Nicolas to meticulously translate several of the Bab's major works over a 30-year period, says the Bab's works have deep appeal – and far more than the mediocrities of Haba'. Those who find Him strange do so because they have not the slightest comprehension of the deep mysticism behind it, or otherwise possess an ideological axe to grind, such as the mullahs and their

supporters. Furthermore, if everything He wrote was strange, as you say, thousands wouldn't have been galvanized to take up arms in His name against the corrupt and parasitic Qajar state, aristocracy and clergy which you regularly like to defend in a typically knee-jerk reactionary, rightwing British kind of way.

As for the charge of mental illness: an Irish doctor in the employ of the British legation found no such evidence. Nevertheless it is a common tactic of slander and defamation normalized specifically by the Anglo-Saxon – who themselves are the greatest psychotic sociopaths and murderers history has ever witnessed – to dismiss a figure such as the Bab or similar with the label as a smokescreen in order not to have to address matters or deal with serious issues.

The chief mod of this subreddit responded to SucessfulCorner2512:

investigator919

I double this.

SayfAllahQuddusiyah

Of course you would. I say the Ayatollah Khomeini was a dangerous clinical sociopath and bloodthirsty psychotic that the Pahlavis should've executed when they had the chance. The memories of his lifelong student Ayatollah Montazeri and others confirms it. I also say that Khamenei and his son Mojtaba are likewise dangerous clinical sociopaths and criminal psychotics, and that any Iranian who puts them away is a literal Kaveh, the Blacksmith, of the times. What do you say to that?

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investigator919

I couldnt care less. Regardless, the Bab was mentaly ill.

Important-Lime-7442

And you are a cyber-basiji in the employ of the cyber-army of the IRI. Moreover, you are not an Iranian as your style of written Persian proves (where you are also denounced by other Iranians for being a shill):

https://www.reddit.com/r/iranian/comments/zekepg/shopkeepers_across_iran_take_part_in_mass_walkouts/ize17mn/?context=3

This by you below is also not any formal or idiomatic style of composition in Persian:

دهنتو ببند حرف اضافی نزن

آخر توهمین شـماها. نفهم میگم اینجـا اینترنت اوکی بوده خودم داشـتم بـا اینترنت کـار می کردم آخرش میـای فحش نـاموس بدی که توهمتو قالب کنی به من.

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You are obviously either a Pakistani or Indian, and no Iranian.

کثافت سگ بسیجی

Using Google Translate, the Persian passages read in English:

> Shut your mouth, don't talk too much.
>
> The end of your illusions. I don't understand, the internet is ok here. I was working with the internet myself. Finally, you come to insult me and cast your illusion on me.
>
> Basiji dog litter

Looks like real Persian words to me. Also, what would be the point of anyone NOT an Iranian serving the intelligence agencies of Iran by moderating a subreddit against the Baha'i Faith and defending Iran all over the place? Instead of, you know, serving his own country?

Also, I have lived in Texas all my life, but I have never spoken with a "Texan" accent (which is actually a myth, BTW). Azal's claim against investigator919 is like someone saying I have no right to be called a Texan because I don't speak a certain way. Since Azal lives in Australia and not Iran, his claim is just bullshit. He doesn't know any more about how present day Iranians use Persian than I do.

> Holographic_Realty
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> Burying the believer in a crystal coffin is interesting. I'm not sure how one would acquire the funds to do that unless the person was already wealthy to begin with. I think there is another one that says a non-Babi spouse is to have all of their possessions stolen by their Babi partner if they don't convert to the religion.
>
> I think a lot of the Babi Laws were meant to be symbolic to some degree. Given that we are so used to the Baha'i organization doing everything it can to *distance* itself from its Islamic roots, it is easy to forget that the Babi religion was founded during a time of "spiritual mania". I think the Bab felt like he had to sound "tough" to stand up to people who would try to bully and persecute his followers, but that's just my speculation.

> SayfAllahQuddusiyah
>
> No such law in the Bayan. You have confused Haba's law in the aqdas that non-Baha'i family do not inherit with another law in the Bayan. The Bayan instead says that non-believers are to be disenfranchised of their property under a Bayani state/kingdom unless they convert because only believers in the Bayan are to reside in a Bayani state/kingdom (which is only inclusive of the five provinces constituting Iran and Iraq). At the same time it makes it a sin to dispossess any individual of their home or place of residence and prohibits forced conversions to the Bayan.
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> And, no, none of these laws were meant to be symbolic. Symbolic of what, exactly?

So I went after him:

> Seeker_Alpha1701
>
> Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

I think he is lying to you, not correcting.

In 2017, I did a critical analysis of the Kitab-i-Aqdas from start to finish. The part dealing with inheritance was explored here:

https://dalehusband.com/2017/08/28/a-critical-analysis-of-the-kitab-i-aqdas-part-two/

Here is everything the Aqdas says about inheritance:

We have divided inheritance into seven categories: to the children, We have allotted nine parts comprising five hundred and forty shares; to the wife, eight parts comprising four hundred and eighty shares; to the father, seven parts comprising four hundred and twenty shares; to the mother, six parts comprising three hundred and sixty shares; to the brothers, five parts or three hundred shares; to the sisters, four parts or two hundred and forty shares; and to the teachers, three parts or one hundred and eighty shares. Such was the ordinance of My Forerunner, He Who extolleth My Name in the night season and at the break of day. When We heard the clamor of the children as yet unborn, We doubled their share and decreased those of the rest. He, of a truth, hath power to ordain whatsoever He desireth, and He doeth as He pleaseth by virtue of His sovereign might.

Should the deceased leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice, to be expended by the Trustees of the All-Merciful on the orphaned and widowed, and on whatsoever will bring benefit to the generality of the people, that all may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Gracious, the Pardoner.

Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been specified in the Book, they shall receive two-thirds of the inheritance and the remaining third shall revert to the House of Justice. Such is the command which hath been given, in majesty and glory, by Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

If the deceased should leave none of the specified heirs, but have among his relatives nephews and nieces, whether on his brother's or his sister's side, two-thirds of the inheritance shall pass to them; or, lacking these, to his uncles and aunts on both his father's and his mother's side, and after them to their sons and daughters. The remaining third of the inheritance shall, in any case, revert to the Seat of Justice. Thus hath it been laid down in the Book by Him Who ruleth over all men.

Should the deceased be survived by none of those whose names have been recorded by the Pen of the Most High, his estate shall, in its entirety, revert to the aforementioned Seat that it may be expended on that which is prescribed by God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent.

We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Should the son of the deceased have passed away in the days of his father and have left children, they will inherit their father's share, as prescribed in the Book of God. Divide ye their share amongst them with perfect justice. Thus have the billows of the Ocean of Utterance surged, casting forth the pearls of the laws decreed by the Lord of all mankind.

If the deceased should leave children who are under age, their share of the inheritance must be entrusted to a reliable individual, or to a company, that it may be invested on their behalf

in trade and business until they come of age. The trustee should be assigned a due share of the profit that hath accrued to it from being thus employed.

Division of the estate should take place only after the Ḥuqúqu'lláh hath been paid, any debts have been settled, the expenses of the funeral and burial defrayed, and such provision made that the deceased may be carried to his resting-place with dignity and honor. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is Lord of the beginning and the end.

There is a lot to criticize, but the specific reference to "that non-Baha'i family do not inherit" is not one of them.....indeed, I found no such distinction anywhere in the Aqdas, or I would have commented on it somewhere in my blog entry series on the subject. Here is the entire list:

https://dalehusband.com/bahai-writings-criticism/

Meanwhile we have this from the con artist above.

No such law in the Bayan.....The Bayan instead says that non-believers are to be disenfranchised of their property under a Bayani state/kingdom unless they convert because only believers in the Bayan are to reside in a Bayani state/kingdom (which is only inclusive of the five provinces constituting Iran and Iraq).

Which is a distinction without a difference. Much like saying the Bayan does not command the destruction of books but does call for them to be erased. Really?

So this dingbat opposes the tyranny of the Islamic Republic of Iran and even the corrupt democracy of the USA, but thinks a Bayani republic that denies non-Babis the right to own property and censors non-Babi books is acceptable?!

Later:

Rosette9
agnostic exBaha'i

That Babi's were forbidden to ask questions, his edicts to burn all non-religious books, that believers should give him priceless gifts...

These are things that are common knowledge among Baha'is as well as exBaha'is. But just as moon landing denialists can't stand the idea that we actually sent men to the moon for some reason, Wahid Azal can't stand the obvious point that the Bab was a lunatic.....because he himself is one too!

SayfAllahQuddusiyah

No such law, and given the massive amount of literary output by the Bab in only a 6 short year period, this decisively proves that He never forbade questions. What He specifically forbade was asking "why" (*lima*) and "wherefore" (*bima*) of He whom God shall make Manifest when He appears, i.e. interrogating Him, and this ordinance exists due to the bitter personal experience of the Bab when He arrived in Bushire from the hajj and subsequently when under custody because the subtext of this ordinance is not to treat He whom God shall make Manifest the way the Shi'ite mullahs and their supporters treated Him. Contrary to the mullahs who regularly practiced book burning (as they still do), especially of the writings of their rivals and critics, there is no law in

the Bayan to burn non-religious books or books or any written material of any kind. In fact the very opposite. The effacement or destruction of any written material is explicitly forbidden in the Bayan per **gate 13 of the 9th Unity**:

أنتم أبدا كتابا لا تخرقون

"*You are not to destroy any book* [or *any piece of writing*, since in Arabic **kitab/book** in the accusative and indefinite case can refer to a book or any other piece of written material] *under any circumstanc*e!"

https://bayanic.com/lib/fwd/ABayan/ABayan-FWD.html

The claim originates with Haba' and his son which has been uncritically repeated by the Shiite mullahs and their supporters (like u/Investigator919), and now clueless and confused secular Anglo-European ex-Bahais as well. So either no such law exists in the Bayan and the Baha'i founder and his son lied – as the textual evidence explicitly proves – or there is confusion about two different laws. In the **6th gate of the 6th Unity** of the Bayan, the Bab says to efface all previous scriptures; meaning, to cease allowing the scriptural books of previous dispensations to act in any form as a centerpiece in a subsequent dispensation, which He explicitly glosses as such in the Persian Bayan. However, this has nothing to do with the physical destruction of any book or scriptural text, not to mention it explicitly echoes a verse of the Qur'an (13:39):

يَمْحُو اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثْبِتُ ۖ وَعِندَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ

God effaces what He/It wills and establishes/confirms [what He/It wills]*! And with It/Him is the Mother of the Book!*

As well as the second theophanic sequence of the *hadith kumayl* (which acts as a proof-text to everything the Bab contextualizes):

محو الموهوم و صحو المعلوم

The effacement of supposition/conjecture and the realization of the Known!

As matter of fact, even though Abbas Effendi propagated this slur of Babi book burning, it was in fact Baha'is who went out of their way around the world to destroy and/or efface copies of the Leiden edition of *nuqtat'ul-kaf* by E.G. Browne when it was published. Abbas Effendi even ordered the Baha'is to do so. In fact, I know of Baha'is in the past 30 years who went around public libraries throughout the United States and effaced or stole from shelves and then destroyed copies of William M. Miller's **The Baha'i Faith: Its History and Teachings**. So the destruction of books is in fact a practice literally engaged in by Baha'is themselves.

As for giving priceless gifts to the Point: again, this ordinance relates to He whom God shall make Manifest, and what exactly the problem is with this ordinance, is anyone's guess.

What a ridiculous load of mental gymnastics!

First:

given the massive amount of literary output by the Bab in only a 6 short year period, this decisively proves that He never forbade questions.

That's actually a non sequitur. Someone could write a dozen novels and yet never respond to a single letter written to him by a fan of his writing.

The claim originates with [Baha'u'llah] and his son which has been uncritically repeated by the Shiite mullahs and their supporters (like u/Investigator919), and now clueless and confused secular Anglo-European ex-

Bahais as well. So either no such law exists in the Bayan and the Baha'i founder and his son lied – as the textual evidence explicitly proves – or there is confusion about two different laws.

This is also nonsense. I would later show exactly why.

Seeker_Alpha1701

The idea that Baha'u'llah so blatantly lied about the Bayan to justify abrogating it doesn't hold up for one simple reason: In Baha'u'llah's time, nearly all the Baha'is were former Bayanis and thus they would have had access to the Bayan to see if there were such laws for Baha'u'llah to abrogate. There would have been no need for Baha'u'llah to abrogate anything from the Bayan if those laws were anything reasonable like that claimed above. Baha'u'llah was engaging in one form of "damage control", while the lying commenter was doing another form, but both should be rejected.

It's a bit like a neo-Nazi claiming today, "Hitler never wanted to exterminate the Jews; he just wanted them out of Europe." So what the fuck were all those concentration camps for?!

Fool_Killer313

Neither Gomer, Interrogator919 and their alter ego **SuccessfulCorner2512** or MirzaIRI_Jan appear to read classical Arabic (or French, for that matter) and so rely on either garbled English translations by Peter Terry (from Nicolas' original French) or material put out by IRI outfits or material by MacEoin and others, but deliberately taken out of context. However, I have offered links to the text of the Arabic Bayan itself:

1. The autograph in the hand of the Bab Himself: https://www.academia.edu/36798591/Codex_Arabic_Bay%C4%81n_pdf
2. The Azali lithograph edition from the autograph (whose editor's preamble was translated by me from Persian to English for Bayanic.com): https://bayanic.com/lib/fwd/ABayan/ABayan-FWD.html
3. The **INBA 43** text (a Baha'i publication): https://www.h-net.org/~bahai/diglib/INBA/INBA043.pdf
4. Muslim anti-Babi polemicist `Abd al-Razzaq al-Hasani's typescript edition: https://www.h-net.org/~bahai/areprint/bab/A-F/b/bayana/bayana.htm

Those who assert must prove! So Gomer and his IRI handlers must prove on the *prima facie* evidence of the text of the Arabic Bayan itself that 1) the Bayan commands book burning, 2) that the Bayan commands building 9-sided houses, 3) that the Bayan disallows the asking of questions and 4) that the Bayan commands that priceless gifts be given to the Bab. I have already proven 1) to be a lie since the **13the gate of the 9th Unity** clearly states:

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"*You are not to destroy any**book**whatsoever/under any circumstance*!"

https://bayanic.com/lib/fwd/ABayan/ABayan-FWD.html

* Or any piece of writing, since in Arabic *kitab*/book in the accusative and indefinite case can refer to a book or any other piece of written material.

Gomer and his IR handlers have skirted around this question for 4 straight years without ever offering a single

piece of credible evidence or rebuttal. Instead, like the professional propagandists and gaslighting censors that they are, they have dug in their heels every time and continued to repeat themselves with the same inane talking points as before over and over again.

Finally, I will go on record and say that the clear evidence proves **Interrogator919** to be a dyed in the wool and classic **Shi'ite Muslim fundamentalist anti-Babi BIGOT** and his sock-puppet Gomer a textbook **SOCIOPATH** for actually following this person. I have proven my case and the facts speak for themselves. Gomer has once again proven himself as a know-nothing and arrogant Pyle-of-Merde!

But I wasn't going to let that con artist off the hook! Looking through all those links, I expected to find an English version of the Bayan from a reputable scholar that would confirm Azal's claims. Instead, I only found Arabic copies of pages of the Bayan with no translations and therefore NO way for a skeptic like me to verify anything Azal was saying. I knew then that I was merely being set up for more verbal abuse.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

And.....every link in that comment above leads to NOTHING that supports your claims.....and yes, I clicked on all four of them. So you fail yet again to prove anything.

Again, if it is true that Baha'u'llah so blatantly misrepresented the Bayan in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, then he should have lost nearly all his followers after the latter book came out. Imagine if Jesus said, "my followers need no longer obey the Torah's commandment to circumcise newborn boys." Would it have been reasonable for a Jew to say, "There is no such law in the Torah, Moses has been misquoted"? Jesus himself would simply crack open the Torah, point to the actual references in question, and thus prove the Jew a liar. The only way your claims make sense is if the Bayanis and Baha'is in Baha'u'llah's time did not have any copies of the Bayan to confirm what Baha'u'llah taught. If they didn't, why the hell did the Bab write it for, if not for his followers to read and obey?

Ironically, it is exactly because most of us here don't know Arabic that you thought you could fool us with your lies. You really need to give up this useless game.....you simply can't win because reality doesn't agree with you.

Later....

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

Why would Baha'u'llah abrogate laws of the Bayan that never existed? Why didn't Sub-i-Azal take advantage of the situation to completely discredit his brother and prove once and for all that he was right? You can't answer that, can you?

I don't tolerate it when Baha'i "historians" like Adib Taherzadeh publish made up shit that they insist is true, so why should YOU be given a free pass?

He tried to evade that argument, so I kept after him.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

You keep forgetting that I am an atheist with no loyalty to Iran. I, MirzaJan and investigator919 all oppose the Baha'i Faith, so we are partners in that. And we thought you were one too. Instead, you betrayed us with lies and backstabbing.

But we also know that it all started with the Bab and IT SHOULD HAVE ENDED WITH HIM in 1850. It was Baha'u'llah who revived the Babi community and then replaced the Bab's teachings with his own. He never would have been able to do that if the former Bayanis rejected him for lying about the Bayan and turned instead to Sub-i-Azal. You know this. The surest way to discredit the Baha'i Faith is to strike at its very root. Which is the Bab, since Baha'u'llah was once his follower.

The Bab claimed to be the return of the Mahdi. TRUE OR FALSE?

The Shias expected the Mahdi to overthrow the enemies of Islam. TRUE OR FALSE?

The Bab was gunned down in 1850 after his followers were defeated in battle. TRUE OR FALSE?

If I am to EVER believe in the Bab and the Bayani teachings, then at least ONE of those premises must be established as FALSE. SO WHICH IS IT?

Fool_Killer313

1. Indeed, the Primal Point declared Himself the Qaim and Mahdi.
2. What the Shias expected is not necessarily what the prophecies say or what they even mean, especially in light of the central Shiite doctrine of *al-bada'* (the alteration of the divine plans) which is also a core doctrine of the Bayan itself.
3. The Primal Point was indeed martyred and the early believers of the Bayan massacred by the combined state-clergy pogrom unleashed against them. But those who survived went on to actively work against the Qajar dynasty which they overthrew in the early 20th century. The destruction of the power of the Shiite clergy is still a work in progress and is now starting to bear fruit, and we will succeed in permanently cutting the power of those tyre-heads and their allies to size for good! When we do, the Babi Revolution will be complete.

Fool_Killer313

Why would Baha'u'llah abrogate laws of the Bayan that never existed?

Simple, because he was anti-Bayani all along as the evidence of Avarih in the first volume of his ***Kashfúl-Hil*** unequivocally proved: Haba' denounced the Bab at his interrogation in the presence Mirza Agha Khan Nuri (a distant kinsman and the prime minister of Iran at the time) after the failed assassination on Nasiruddin Shah in the summer of 1852 (Avarih quotes directly from government archives of the interrogation). Second, because at the time the complete Bayani corpus was few and far between and in the hands of a very few people (because if these texts were ever found by authorities, they would be destroyed and the person in whose possession they were, killed), even well into the 1890s. So Haba' took advantage of this situation and said whatever he wanted to say about the Bayan – and did! Why do you think E.G. Browne amassed so many Babi texts and catalogued

them with Cambridge University? Because otherwise this history would have probably been lost given that both fundamentalist Shi'ites and Baha'is went out of their way to try to destroy it.

Why didn't Sub-i-Azal take advantage of the situation to completely discredit his brother and prove once and for all that he was right?

He did! In tome after tome after tome of text – and he wasn't the only one. Your problem is that you cannot access any of this material and have such a partial grasp of the historiography and texts that it is not even worth anyone's time to teach you anything, nor have you demonstrated any interest in learning anything since your logic appears to be based on confirmation bias. In that respect, atheist or not, you are exactly like the Baha'is or fundamentalist Shi'ites.

I was getting close to nailing that fraud, so I kept up the pressure.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

[[[Haba' denounced the Bab at his interrogation in the presence Mirza Agha Khan Nuri (a distant kinsman and the prime minister of Iran at the time) after the failed assassination on Nasiruddin Shah]]]

Aren't Shias allowed to deny their own beliefs in public to avoid persecution? Appearantly that's what Baha'u'llah did. Too bad it didn't help him.

[[[In tome after tome after tome of text – and he wasn't the only one.]]]

Then Sub-i-Azal should have won and there should be NO Baha'i Faith today. The Bayani Faith should be the world religion instead. He failed and therefore so must you!

Fool_Killer313

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Whatever. But the fact that he denounced the Point of the Bayan makes his entire claim disingenuous with him revealed as a complete asshole!

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Is this how you believe the world works? You aren't really that naive as 50+ year old, are you? That the righteous prevail?! You got Donald Trump as president in 2016 – and may yet get him again in 2024 – in an election he actually lost in the popular vote (on top of Russian meddling). You got George W. Bush as president in an election in 2000 which he also lost to Al Gore. History is riddled with bad guys winning and prevailing over the good, and especially in the realm of religion and religious movements, like the example of Jesus himself or Imam Husayn (as) whom your handler claims to believe in.

Seeker_Alpha1701

[[[My agenda is simply to set the record straight and take the Bayan out of the hands of bahais who have held it hostage and the misrepresentations of fundamentalist anti-Babi Shiites who have uncritically repeated canards originated by bahais.]]]

That's nonsense! If the Shias have access to the Bayan, they don't need any input from Baha'is, do they?

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Bada was also the same bullshit argument the Hands of the Cause of God used to justify the Baha'i community continuing without a Guardian after Shoghi Effendi died. So why aren't you a Haifan Baha'i?

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You mean the SECULAR revolution. How can a Babi revolution happen in Iran when it's just you representing the Babi cause?

Fool_Killer313

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Stupid argument. Again, al-Bada is a core Shi'ite doctrine and is confirmed in the Bayan. WTF does this have to do with being or not being a Haifan Bahai just because a bunch of self-appointed CEOs cited it in 1957? Lame.

You mean the SECULAR revolution. How can a Babi revolution happen in Iran when it's just you representing the Babi cause?

No, I mean the Babi Revolution, since anti-clericalism in Iran began with us. What outer form it solidifies as when it fructifies is secondary. We began the whole thing. The end of the mullahs will be our ship finally brought to port. QED

Right.....but what if the secular republic that replaces the Islamic state legalizes the Baha'i Faith? Azal would go ballistic over that! LOL!

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

[[[Then why do they keep repeating Baha'i arguments and citing Baha'i texts, and never the Bayan itself?]]]

https://www.reveddit.com/v/exbahai/comments/cxdsax/answering_investigator919s_disinfo_part_1/

investigator919

Since most if not all the readers of this sub do not understand Arabic or Persian, without delving into the semantics, it suffices to say both translations literally agree on one thing: were the Bab come to power books and writings would only be limited to what the Bab said or approved. Good luck promoting these beliefs.

"Chapter six of the sixth unit which is about destroying all books but those that have been written or will be written about this Order (meaning the Bab's creed). (The Bāb, Farsi Bayān, unit 6, chap. 6.)"

The sixth gate of the Sixth Unity. Regarding the ordinance [ḥukm] of the erasure [maḥw] of all books, all of them, except what has emerged or will arise in this Cause.

[[[Stupid argument. Again, al-Bada is a core Shi'ite doctrine and is confirmed in the Bayan. WTF does this have to do with being or not being a Haifan Bahai just because a bunch of self-appointed CEOs cited it in 1957? Lame.]]]

It just illustrates your inconsistency.....You accept Bada when it suits you and reject it when it doesn't. I deny Bada in ALL its versions. If there are ANY contradictions in the teachings of a religion, IT IS NOT TRUE!

And then came the final and ultimate discrediting of that idiot:

Seeker_Alpha1701

[[What would have resolved the debate in his favor would be an English translation of the Bayan made by a scholar such as Edward Granville Browne that states exactly what Azal claims.]]

I assumed there WERE such translations already, so why did you not present one of them instead? You didn't, so I concluded you were just playing mind games all along. Because you did that to us before, of course.

Seeker_Alpha1701

Ex-Baha'i Unitarian Universalist

So first the con artist says:

[[[One day, God willing, we will say this very thing about America and its faux-liberalism which built itself atop slavery, genocide of natives, resource theft, white supremacy, and the death of millions around the world.

The Primal Point and His relevance will outlive the dominance of you arrogant white liberal Anglo-American honkies. Take it to the bank!]]]

And then:

[[[The destruction of the power of the Shiite clergy is still a work in progress and is now starting to bear fruit,

and we will succeed in permanently cutting the power of those tyre-heads and their allies to size for good! When we do, the Babi Revolution will be complete.]]]

But later:

[[[Is this how you believe the world works? You aren't really that naive as 50+ year old, are you? That the righteous prevail?! You got Donald Trump as president in 2016 – and may yet get him again in 2024 – in an election he actually lost in the popular vote (on top of Russian meddling). You got George W. Bush as president in an election in 2000 which he also lost to Al Gore. History is riddled with bad guys winning and prevailing over the good, and especially in the realm of religion and religious movements, like the example of Jesus himself or Imam Husayn (as) whom your handler claims to believe in.]]]

You keep changing rhetorical tactics to keep propping up your bullshit long after you should have given up!

Indeed, this is EXACTLY the sort of mental gymnastics I have always hated seeing from Baha'i's like DBO, Christian apologists, and others in religion and politics that are such GODDAMN HYPOCRITES IN PUBLIC, because their inconsistent religious or political dogmatism enables the behavior they want to get away with. And the whole point of debating with Wacki Azoo for so long was to expose him for what he is, no better than all those other assholes in this messed up world!

LOL!!!!!

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WAHID AZAL REPEATS HIS LIES AND MAKES MORE EXCUSES

About three years ago, I blocked in disgust **Wahid Azal's main account** on reddit after discovering what a totally despicable liar and traitor he was against **r/exbahai**.

And in a recent post, he doubles down on his bullshit, thus showing he has absolutely NO sense of ethics whatsoever. To put it bluntly, he is indeed EVIL. Recently, he blocked me in return, no doubt to stop me from seeing more of his lies, but I learned to get around that barrier to see what he's been doing.

> Recitation of the Surah of Creation from the Book of Guidance in Arabic, Persian and English
> by inBAYAN

He said the following:

> wahidazal66
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> Like all other bahai lists online, exbahai is an echo chamber with an agenda tasked with gatekeeping and stymieing real opposition. There you have outright cyberbasijis rubbing shoulders with the BIA, like that recent arrival who was exposed here who is so transparent about what they are it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out. But whenever they and their transparently gratuitous talking points are pushed back against, this is what they always do: block. Yet note that over the past 4 years traffic to that subreddit has seriously come to a halt and it isn't what it used to be. People are wisening up to the fact that not all is what it seems with exbahai. But when you appoint an imbecile, child groomer-pedo and head case like Gomer as a moderator, that is what you should expect. Also after u/investigator919 said what they said about the **Woman, Life, Freedom Revolution** in Iran, that list literally put a nail into its own coffin because there is no way they can talk that down or walk back an exbahai moderator's outright parroting of IR government lines regarding what happened and is happening in Iran. This is why u/investigator919 was brought back as u/SuccessfulCorner2512 who is pretending now to be an exbahai hailing from an aristocratic Iranian bahai family when it is obvious who this person actually is.

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> But that shouldn't deter you. Just get another ID and go back over there and give em hell. I'm still there and whenever I don't have anything better to do I have been commenting there for over 2 years now with an ID they won't even expect. Been doing the same with r/bahai as well. In this age of hybrid warfare, there are no rules; and, morally speaking, no one is obliged to actually respect and abide by what the corporate American Tech Beast and its rules say. If you can find ways to f*ck with their heads and sh*t on them, by all means do so! This is a war after all. My rules are the Bayan and my own completion of it. Period, full-stop, and not American capitalism's rules and the rules of its assorted minions who are the ultimate Enemy. No one ever won a war by

> abiding by their enemy's rules which is also what Krishna tells Arjuna in the Baghavad-Gita during the battle scene. As I said to you privately, this is what the Qalandari Left-Hand Path is really all about: only abiding by the divine rules but never the rules of man! Again, note the story of Khidr and Moses in the Quran.

So let's dissect these statements. shall we?

Like all other bahai lists online, exbahai is an echo chamber with an agenda tasked with gatekeeping and stymieing real opposition.

Azal claims the only real opposition to the Baha'i Faith is him. This is not possible at all because he is a Bayani and it was the Bab who started the disruptions in Persia (AKA Iran) that Baha'u'llah would decades later take advantage of to form his own Baha'i community out of the ashes of the failed Babi community. In order to really defeat the Baha'i Faith, you must discredit BOTH the Bab and Baha'u'llah! And that is something I can do.....because I am an ATHEIST!

There you have outright cyberbasijis rubbing shoulders with the BIA, like that recent arrival who was exposed here who is so transparent about what they are it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out.

I wonder who he was referring to. And what the hell is a "cyberbasiji"? His making up terms like that to insult people is just stupid.

But whenever they and their transparently gratuitous talking points are pushed back against, this is what they always do: block.

No, he gets banned from places like r/exbahai for being dishonest, disruptive and verbally abusive. Trolling, basically. That's really all he does.

Yet note that over the past 4 years traffic to that subreddit has seriously come to a halt and it isn't what it used to be. People are wisening up to the fact that not all is what it seems with exbahai.

He is just making that up. r/exbahai is doing quite well considering how few members it has. We do a lot of good there. I moderate that place, so I see what goes on there. Speaking of which:

But when you appoint an imbecile, child groomer-pedo and head case like Gomer as a moderator, that is what you should expect.

"Gomer" is the nickname he invented for me. And there is no proof whatsoever that I have ever molested or groomed a child. He says that about me because he knows I am better at discrediting the Baha'i Faith than he is, as noted before. I have written against pedophiles several times, as well as against teachers who sexually abuse their own students, like Mary Kay Latourneau, may she be damned!

Also after u/investigator919 said what they said about the **Woman, Life, Freedom Revolution** in Iran, that list literally put a nail into its own coffin because there is no way they can talk that down or walk back an exbahai moderator's outright parroting of IR government lines regarding what happened and is happening in Iran.

He is referring to this:

> Why are Baha'is not talking about what happened to Mahsa Amini?! Look at this!
> by inexbahai

Where investigator919 said this:

> **She wasn't beaten to death. That was the lie that triggered the protests.** The CT-Scans clearly show a prior brain surgery. However, since the average Joe can't make a distinction between brain surgery and a blow to the head, everyone went with the narrative that she was killed because that's what they wanted to believe. I had to fact-check the CT-Scan images myself through one of our relatives who is a doctor because I had no idea what the CT-Scan of her head was showing.
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> This is how the media fools you. And yes, the "so called" supreme leader (I don't consider him my leader) wasn't lying in this case and in similar protests. Every time there is any form of protest in Iran it is hijacked by ISRAEL / SAUDI / US / MEK media channels. I was surfing twitter for the past two weeks and there were so many lies being propagated by their media channels and being re-twitted and established as fact that it made me sick. Three examples:
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> -Tweet: <So and so district of Tehran has been overtaken by protesters.> Me: You idiots I live here there is no protest in this district and there never was.
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> -Tweet: <shows movie captioned: "innocent protester killed by police."> Few hours later the complete movie is tweeted by another account that shows the so called dead protester getting up and walking away.
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> Tweet: <Iranian security forces open fire on peaceful people that had gathered to pray in the city of Zahedan killing twenty.> I immediately thought to myself this doesn't make sense. Why would someone do this? Then even after a separatist group posted a video and claimed responsibility for inciting the violence, thousands of twitter accounts were still retweeting the initial fake narrative for days.
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> The whole goal is so called regime change. At the end of the day no one cares for Mahsa Amini or any other woman in Iran (if they did we wouldn't have been sanctioned by western governments to the dark-ages). Just a few days ago nearly 30 Shia women were killed by suicide bomber in Afghanistan. No one batted an eye. In fact those bombings and killings of innocent women happen on a daily basis in Afghanistan, Yemen, and also Palestine. But no one cares. No one gives a shit. What made Mahsa Amini different? What makes Iran so special? Regime change in Iran. Toppling a government that opposes the west and refuses to bow to it.
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> The Iranian government is neither the angel that it portrays itself and neither the devil that is portrayed by the west. It's like every other government with its shortcomings and also good points. But if you want to measure the level of savageness of a government by counting the number of people it has killed, then I'm sure it's no where near the top of the list where the US / Israel / Saudi and a bunch of other western countries stand.

What's ironic about Wahid's demonization of investigator919 is that Baha'is in reddit do the same thing to him and for the same reason: he is a Shia Muslim who lives in Iran. But if you look carefully, he is NOT merely parroting the claims of the Iranian government.

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He may have blind spots with regards to Shia teachings, but he does show critical thinking in this case.

There was an exchange of messages between him and me that read as follows.

> I've been so ANGRY about Iran and about Islam these past couple of weeks that I wasn't sure I could even discuss the matter with you without coming across as rude and even a bit bigoted. Thanks for not humiliating me in public.

> No need to apologize. I don't blame you for being angry. The media and cyberspace these days is filled with truths, half-truths, and outright lies. No one knows what to believe anymore.

Moving on.....

> This is why u/investigator919 was brought back as u/SuccessfulCorner2512 who is pretending now to be an exbahai hailing from an aristocratic Iranian bahai family when it is obvious who this person actually is.

Another completely made up claim. I can usually tell when someone like Wahid Azal or DavidBinOwen is using sockpuppets to infiltrate subreddits they have been banned from (which is a clear violation of reddit rules). They have a distinctive writing style and means of expression that they cannot change, which proves they are incompetent. So is Wahid saying that investigator919 is better at faking a personality than he is? LOL!

See what happened between those two here:

> Wahid Azal Disgraces Himself Again.

[Video: https://dalehusband.com/2023/02/04/wahid-azal-disgraces-himself-again/embed/#?secret=a53vuUvLVd#?secret=Nifi7FJOgj]

The difference in expressions between investigator919 and SuccessfulCorner2512 is light years apart. So why did Azal claim they are the same person? Because that is what pathological liars do, even if it makes them look STUPID!

> But that shouldn't deter you. Just get another ID and go back over there and give em hell. I'm still there and whenever I don't have anything better to do I have been commenting there for over 2 years now with an ID they won't even expect. Been doing the same with r/bahai as well.

So here we see Azal clearly admitting to violating reddit rules and encouraging such violations from others! That should get him banned permanently from reddit, and I mean ALL his accounts, FOREVER!

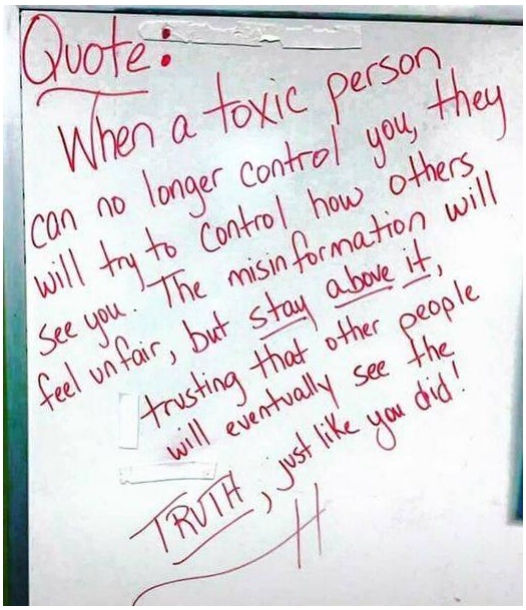
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This is the "ends justify the means" fallacy. Joseph Stalin made himself the supreme lawmaker in the Soviet Union for decades and killed MILLIONS of his own people simply to enforce his will on them. Mao Zedong killed millions of his own Chinese people. Pol Pot is said to have killed ONE-THIRD of the Cambodian people in the same way! And I have

no doubt if Wahid Azal ever gains political power anywhere, he will also exterminate people. After all, in war you kill people en masse on a regular basis … and didn't he call what he does a war? Why protest against the tyranny of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the hypocrisy of the Haifan Baha'i leadership when he is indeed no better than them?

And Wahid Azal's own insanity make me think the Bab was just as crazy and dangerous. No wonder he was killed in 1850!

And for the record, my rejection of the Baha'i Faith in 2004-2005 had nothing to do with the Bab. But I hate the Bab's legacy NOW……because of WAHID AZAL! May he be DAMNED forever!


Quote:
When a toxic person can no longer control you, they will try to control how others see you. The misinformation will feel unfair, but stay above it, trusting that other people will eventually see the TRUTH, just like you did!

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WAHID AZAL SLANDERS ME AND OTHERS IN REDDIT

Only two weeks after Wahid Azal and I **did a podcast together**, and after I intervened to **prevent the moderators** of the ExBahai subreddit from banning him, he repaid my help by stabbing me in the back! **And he was expelled from the subreddit anyway**. He is proof that not all arguments against the Baha'i Faith and not all critics of the Baha'i Faith are created equal and I will work with him no more.

Anyway, here is the podcast he made attacking me.

☐ Video: Click to watch

He speaks of me starting about two minutes in. He accuses me of "shiftiness" and "brownnosing", which I did not understand. He also calls me racist and says that I, like all American liberals, are anti-Muslim, anti-Iranian, and pro-capitalist. Note: Making bigoted statements does nothing to defeat the bigotry of others, especially when that supposed bigotry of others is not even a real issue.

Such extreme black and white thinking will do nothing to make him allies. "Agree with us on everything or I won't help with anything," is a formula for disaster in any case.

Question: How can he believe in God and also be an admirer of Karl Marx, who was an atheist and considered religions to be the "opiate of the people" and supporters of the same capitalist systems he denounces so often? Indeed, when I first got to know Wahid Azal many years ago, I actually thought he was an atheist too and it was only later that I realized he was a Babi or Bayani.

As I explained in the podcast I did with Azal, it was the failed ministry of Shoghi Effendi that made me start questioning the Baha'i Faith. Since I had little access to the writings of the Bab, I knew any judgement I made of him would be limited in scope, since the stories about him were colored by the historical narratives of the Baha'i leadership, which I already stopped believing in. I did not reject the Bab when I rejected the Baha'i Faith, he was simply irrelevant to the actual issues I had against the Baha'i Faith.

Azal also attacked a reddit user known as "Christian-ExBaha'i". **She explained some of what Azal meant** by shiftiness and brown nosing on my part.

> Christian-ExBahai
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> It means you were being polite to people instead of confrontational. Such as to myself. We all know you disagree with my Christianity and are active on the ex-Christian subreddit. However, you're polite to me here. That could be seen as brown nosing as you aren't constantly telling me what you really think about what I believe. (And thank you for that.) It appears that what seems like a virtue to some can appear as a flaw to others. You can't please everyone all the time, but a choice to live in peace is a good one. If we were all constantly telling each other off for not believing exactly as we do, life would be much more painful and chaotic. Thus, some of us choose to be polite.
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> You of all people are not racist (and I'm not either) . . . as a Universal Unitarian you're inclusive of all people, right? I think the keyword in what he said is "all" . . . because when people overgeneralize, they're usually wrong. We can't all be lumped together and labeled in one way, because there are too many variations among people.

I was dumbfounded!

> Dale_Husband_HS

> It's called DIPLOMACY, dammit, and I make no apologies for that. If the American and Soviet leaders, who clearly despised each other, had not showed restraint and diplomacy during the Cold War period, the result would have been World War III that might have caused the total destruction of human civilization in a nuclear holocaust.
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> And thank YOU for staying out of the ex-Christian subreddit! You are no hypocrite like DavidBinOwen, that I can clearly see.

Wahid himself barged back in with another reddit account and.....

> Ghiyath1511
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> No, nothing was way off course. Your problem is that others have been raining on your parade to recruit for the church and Dale Husband's for the UU. That really is your issue. Both of you are using exbahai lists online as a cover to pull people into your own organizations: you for Evangelical BS and Dale for some white liberal, wooley pipe-dream of a church without God known as Unitarian Universalism. And both of you are typical of your white American breeding, biased and racist to the core: you overtly and Dale, like all liberals, passive-aggressively

My response to that nonsense:

> Dale_Husband_HS
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> It is not enough to bash the Baha'i Faith. To make real progress against it, one must also recommend alternatives to it to give the seeker a means of gaining spiritual nourishment and social community apart from the Baha'i Faith. You [Christian-ExBahai] promote evangelical Christianity, while I promote Unitarian Universalism. Two VERY different paths, but as long as we both remember our purpose here, we can get along and not bash each other. I can go elsewhere to slam Christianity, just as I would expect you to slam atheism in other places. Here, we must say nothing negative about each other, lest we be no better than Wahid Azal was. And for the record.....I will not defend or excuse his behavior again. He fired me as a moderator of the realexbahais subreddit he created, even though I said nothing against him beforehand.....and I have left that and will stay here. I swear, Wahid is really his own worst enemy!

There I was being consistent with the values I always professed.

https://dalehusband.com/2010/09/28/uus-need-to-stop-being-anti-christian/

> For the record, I am very critical of the Christian religion. But my slamming it ends when I am dealing with a Christian who is open-minded enough to befriend and respect me in spite of my hostility towards his religion. Such a person, in turn, earns my respect. I only do battle with bigots among the Christians, not Christians in general. If I hated all Christians, I wouldn't be a Unitarian Universalist (UU). UUs, even those that reject Christianity, are still Protestants. If not for the Protestant movement in Christianity, UUs as a denomination wouldn't exist.

Consistency is something I have always demanded from people I call friends. Returning to that conversation in reddit:

> Dale_Husband_HS
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> For the record, I have been in other subreddits similar to this one, most notably the exMormon and exChristian

> ones. And while I have seen tons of criticism of religion in them, I never had to deal with a reactionary fanatic like DavidBinOwen (or, rather, the Christian or Mormon version of him), nor did I ever see any anti-Christian or anti-Mormon extremist accuse the moderators of those subreddits of “gatekeeping”. So this seems to be a unique case.
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> I don’t care how polite someone looks; if a person persists in repeating discredited talking points, asserting things without any proof whatsoever, and making others feel attacked, HE MUST BE BANNED FROM HERE. Both DavidBinOwen and Wahid Azal are extremists; they are just extremist about different things.
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> I guess I feel betrayed because Wahid did make me a moderator of the realexbahai subreddit (I didn’t ask for that), supported me in my fights against Baha’i apologists like Susan Maneck, refered to me as a brother, agreed to do that podcast with me (he could have refused and I would not have brought it up again), and in all those fights and other events we had together I never made a secret of being a dedicated UU, or a supporter of American liberalism, both of which he seems to scorn because they are godless to him. If he rejects me now, he should have rejected me a decade ago. I don’t reject people for being different from me. If I did, I’d be slamming Christian ExBahai constantly. Or slamming Muslims here too. Incidentally, you can criticize Islam as a religion and also defend the right of Muslims to practice Islam peacefully. I do both. I also do the same with the Baha’i Faith and Baha’is. My willingness to defend the rights of people I strongly disagree with stems from my belief in the common humanity we all share; it has nothing to do with promoting or denying any religion or anti-religious ideology. Even as a non-theist, I despised the notorious founder of American Atheists, Madilyn O’Hair, because I saw her as a bigoted extremist who hated religious people more than she loved the freedom to be an atheist she promoted.
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> So I don’t discriminate; I want to be friendly and supportive of all kinds of people. But bigotry of any kind I will never accept.

And I will end with that.

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WAHID AZAL AND HIS BAYANI GANG HIT A NEW LOW

Imagine you are a famous horror novelist, like Stephen King, with millions of fans around the world. You decide to write a historical fiction novel set during World War II and focusing on the Holocaust. You write the story about a concentration camp as accurately as possible, depicting the atrocities committed there in graphic detail and the Nazis involved as cruel and powerful, while their Jewish victims are shown to be helpless, the story only ending with the liberation of the camp by Allied forces. At no point do you endorse anything about Nazism, nor do you attack the Jewish community. And yet, after the novel is published, you are accused of being pro-Nazi, anti-Semetic, racist, and white supremacist, and you get tons of hate mail and even some death threats, causing you to go into hiding and consider quitting writing altogether. This despite you having made statements damning the Nazis and supporting Zionism in the past; the novel is considered proof of your true nature by people who are your sworn enemies.

This is similar to the situation I am facing right now. Let me provide some background.

In 2017, Roy Moore, a right-wing religious extremist and former judge, ran for a place in the U S Senate, but lost to Democrat Doug Jones. During his campaign, it was revealed that he had violated the bodily autonomy of several young girls when he was decades younger, disturbing the people of Alabama enough to make them reject him. This was at a time when the #metoo movement, asserting the right of women to no longer tolerate sexual harassment from men, was a major social force. I decided to support this movement by discussing it on my blog.

Thus on December 18, 2017, I wrote and published a blog entry titled, “Why I am far better than Roy Moore”. I described an actual incident I had with a young girl and how, even when given a chance to molest her, I chose NOT to do that and let her go because I respected her body and mind enough to do so. Far from being an endorsement of child sexual abuse and pedophilia, it was a total condemnation of those things and a warning to adults about how to treat younger people.

Because the girl I was with seemed to be giving me romantic signals, I mistakenly thought she had a crush on me and so I thought I needed to address that issue directly with her. But instead, she clearly explained that she only saw me as a friend and was not in love with me. The moment she made that clear, I dropped the subject and moved on. My error was thinking her overly affectionate nature was something more. That’s it. I made NO attempt to seduce the girl, tell her she HAD to have sex with me at any point, or anything so disgusting. That simply didn’t happen!

Last year, I had a dramatic falling out with Wahid Azal, who like me was an activist against the Baha’i Faith. But unlike me, he was the leader of his own “Bayani” cult based on the teachings of the Bab mixed with Marxism (which is atheist, a fundamental contradiction since Azal was also supposed to believe in the same God as the Bab he supposedly followed). I refused to endorse his cult and when he was **expelled from the ExBahai subreddit for disruptive conduct**, I sided with the moderators of it against Azal. That turned him against me and over the next several months, he proceeded to accuse me of being racist, a white nationalist, a pro-Baha’i operative in league with the Baha’i leadership in Haifa (he also accused the ExBahai subreddit moderators of that), and even of being gay and also lusting after Azal’s wife before she died (hardly what a gay man would do, eh?). Of course, he could make **none of those claims stick** because there was no real evidence for any of them and I had made my rejection of racism and other forms of bigotry all too clear on my blog, and everywhere else for that matter. So what else is there to do when you are desperate to smear me?

By this time, I had long forgotten about the blog entry I had written about Roy Moore and the little girl I’d been with and had moved on to many other things in my life. But Wahid Azal found that blog entry and he and his cult followers began to spread links to it in various places, and he also made a video attacking me titled (I kid you not) “Dale Husband confesses to being a Paedophile”.

Needless to say, that is an outright lie, just like all the other lies that bastard has told about me. The only thing I ever confessed to on the blog entry in question was facing a difficult situation with a child and treating that child like an independent person rather than a sex object. A pedophile is a person attracted sexually only to children and aggressively seeking them out for sexual purposes, disregarding their own feelings and needs. Not only do I condemn such a thing, I actually believe convicted child molesters deserve the DEATH PENALTY! Indeed, I even condemned Moses, God's supreme lawgiver, for endorsing child sexual abuse and genocide, as depicted here:

https://dalehusband.com/2019/05/12/biblical-genocide-and-pedophilia/

After learning what Azal had done, I asked a friend of mine, the same one I consulted in making the controversial blog entry, what I should do. She said, **"Unfortunately in my experience very little weight is put into someone's intention, only in other's perception. I would probably take it down if I were you, but there's no action that will immediately make this problem go away for you. Good luck, friend. Things like this are never easy."** So I removed the blog entry from public viewing.

So this is how utterly low Azal has sunk and now I am going to have to be a lot more aggressive in dealing with him and his lies on YouTube as well as on reddit. Any chance of him and me reconciling in the future is gone forever.

Fortunately, it seems that some progress in getting rid of him has already been made.

https://wahidazal.blogspot.com

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So there's that. You can only defame people for so long before your lies catch up to you! ☐

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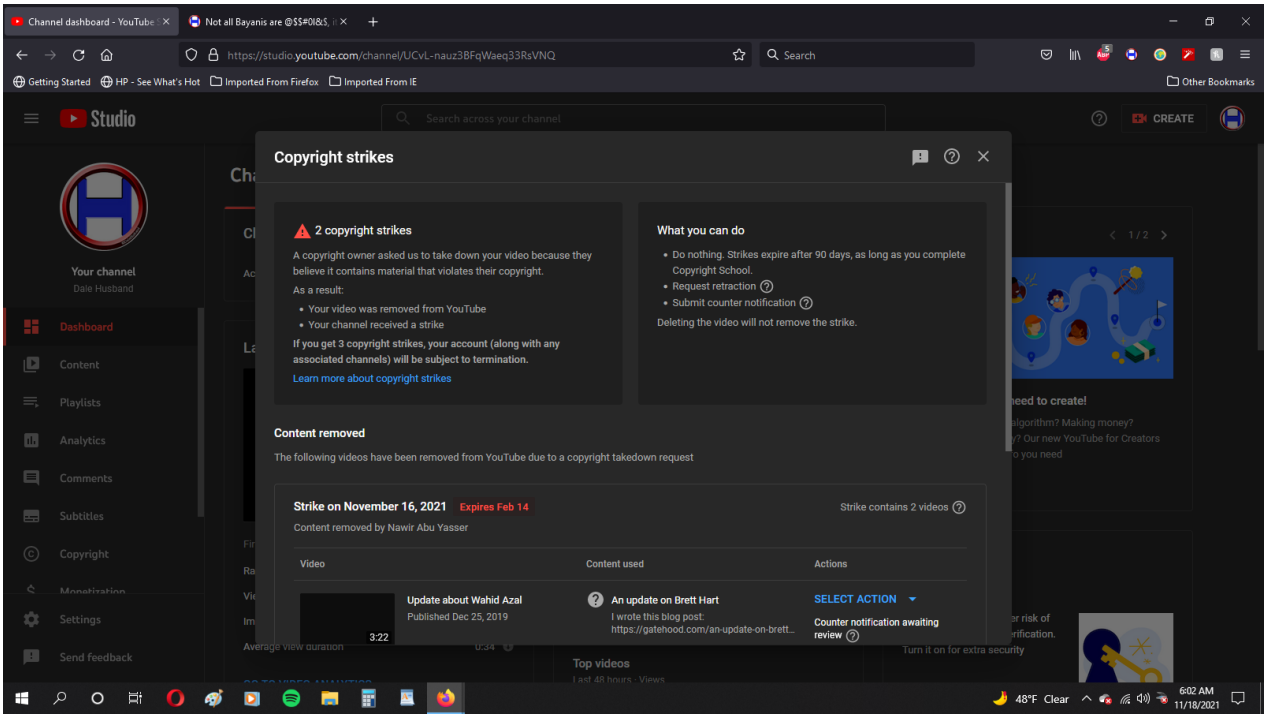
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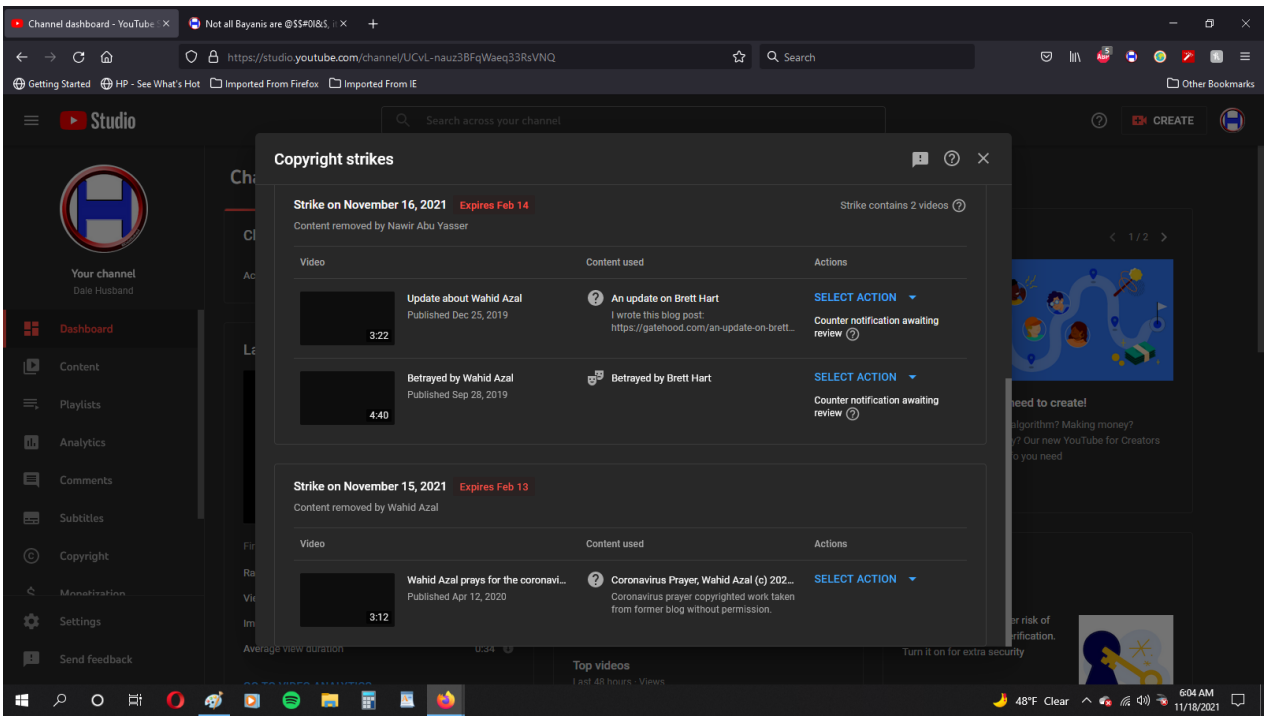
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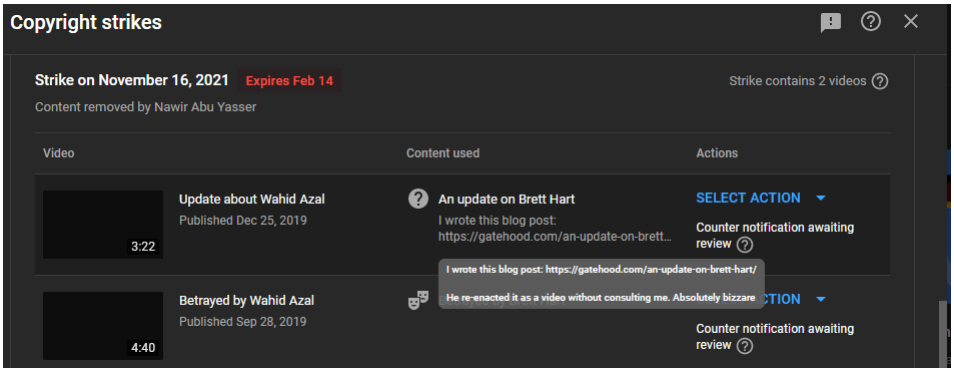
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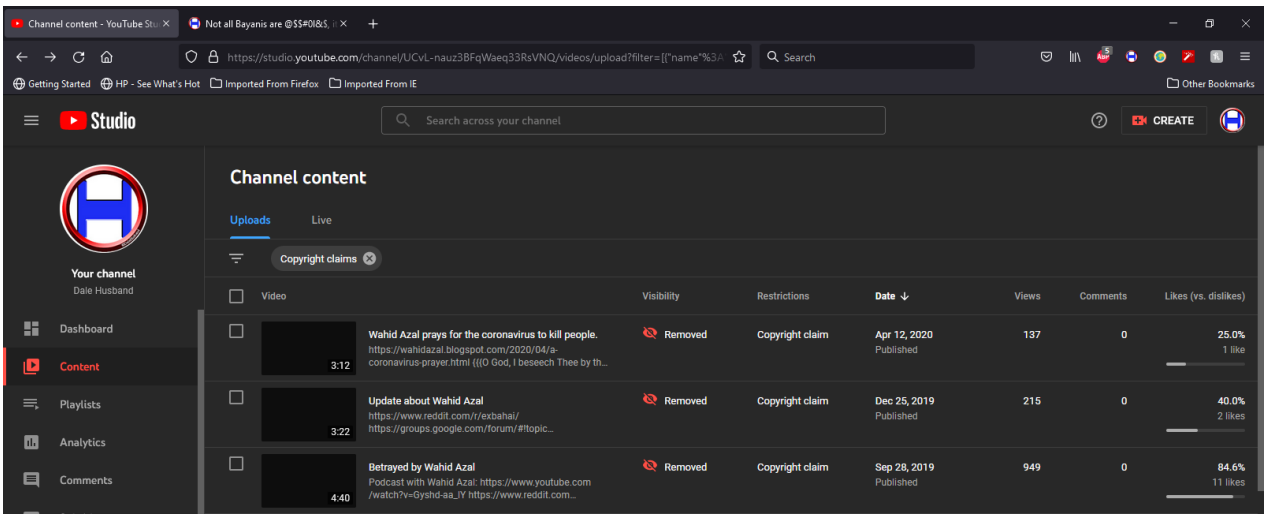
I have just been informed that he has made completely false copyright claims against me for videos I made that contain original content, specifically criticism of his actions on reddit back in 2019. It is clear that he is trying to suppress those videos because they have damaged his reputation. But telling the truth about someone, no matter how disgraceful his behavior may be, is always justified and must never be suppressed as a matter of integrity.

Here are screenshots into my YouTube account documenting Azal's latest act of treachery:


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2 copyright strikes
A copyright owner asked us to take down your video because they believe it contains material that violates their copyright.
As a result:
• Your video was removed from YouTube
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If you get 3 copyright strikes, your account (along with any associated channels) will be subject to termination.
Learn more about copyright strikes
What you can do
• Do nothing. Strikes expire after 90 days, as long as you complete Copyright School.
• Request retraction
• Submit counter notification
Deleting the video will not remove the strike.
Content removed
The following videos have been removed from YouTube due to a copyright takedown request
Strike on November 16, 2021 Expires Feb 14
Strike contains 2 videos
Content removed by Nawir Abu Yasser
Video
Content used
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Update about Wahid Azal
Published Dec 25, 2019
3:22
An update on Brett Hart
I wrote this blog post: https://gatehood.com/an-update-on-brett...
SELECT ACTION
Counter notification awaiting review







I am confident that YouTube will soon recognize at least two of the copyright claims for what they really are and restore the two videos I filed counter-notices on: “Betrayed by Wahid Azal” and “Update about Wahid Azal”. I chose not to contest the claim on the third video, “Wahid Azal prays for the coronavirus to kill people”, because it does seem to have a valid point, but the first two certainly do not!

Update: I found the basis for the copyright claim:

https://gatehood.com/an-update-on-brett-hart/

And it is a copy of what I made, but it is backdated to make it look like it was made first. Clever bastard, that Wahid Azal, but now I have a basis for a counter claim against him!

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WAHID AZAL STRIKES AGAIN!

Today (December 18, 2019) I got this message on reddit:

> Your account has been permanently suspended for posting personal information.
>
> https://www.reddit.com/r/exbahai/comments/e10kuf/i_was_suspended_from_reddit_last_week_under_false/
>
> This is an automated message; responses will not be received by Reddit admins.

And **just like last time**, it was not made clear what personal information was being referred to. How can I know not to break rules if it is never explained the exact nature of my violation? Even in the previous case, I had to guess what my wrongdoing was; I still do not really know because no one in reddit ever actually told me. This is why reddit as a web community has very little credibility in my eyes.

It is obvious to me that Wahid Azal won't give up until I am totally gone from reddit forever and thus it is easier for him and his cultists to disrupt the exBaha'i community there.

A few days before my second suspension, there was this incident between me and another idiot follower of Azal.

> The Persian Baha'i Dilemma
> by inexbahai
>
> Christian-ExBahai
>
> Good observations. Persian Bahais have been put on a pedestal in many communities but that's not what the Bahai teachings are about. In general, I believe pride is a stumbling block for most people, but especially for Bahais as their scriptures make them feel special... a way to keep people attached to the religion for fear of losing that special status.
>
> Dale_Husband_HS
>
> Yes, and THAT was why Wahid Azal claimed later I was a "racist". Not because I have used racial slurs or because I have advocated actual discrimination against any racial minorities. Quite the opposite.
>
> komorikomori
>
> He called you a racist because you exude racism and white privilege despite all your pretensions to the contrary, and upon being confronted with this, you resorted to accusations of "reverse racism," which is a white nationalist dog-whistle. Believe it or not, but you don't have to be running around shouting the N-word and making flagrantly racist statements to be expressing sentiments of white privilege.

Needless to say, that claim is absolute bullshit! So I promptly ripped it apart.

> Dale_Husband_HS
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> ALL white people in white majority countries have white privledge, that's true, but I have NEVER expressed the kind of bigoted hatred towards any minorities that Wahid Azal started spitting at me once it was clear I would

> never be one of his blind followers. Being white, even in a southern state like Texas, does NOT make someone racist. Azal simply lied about that, period. He is a fraud and you are a fool to believe anything he says.
>
> Dale_Husband_HS
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> Imagine a prominent Muslim theologian who happens to live in a majority pagan country, who was even born in that country and belongs to that country's dominant ethnic group, as well as being raised pagan and converting to Islam as an adult, being called a polytheist and thus guilty of shirk by an insanely jealous rival, which is something literally impossible for an actual Muslim to be. You can only justify such an outrageous claim if you produce pics of the "Muslim" bowing down to an idol of a god other than Allah. Otherwise, it is just an insulting lie, stemming from racism. That was the basis for my calling Wahid Azal a racist towards me. He attacked me for my Southern Baptist background (which is indeed bigoted), not anything I've done since leaving that corrupt form of Christianity.
>
> > you resorted to accusations of "reverse racism," which is a white nationalist dog-whistle.
>
> It can be such……but not actually in my case. It is indeed possible for a black man in an African country like Zimbabwe to express racism towards whites. To say this is fair is to deny that the playing field between races should ever be leveled, instead still favoring one race dominating another. You either believe in racial equality or you don't. Wahid Azal's recent attacks on me prove he is an anti-white extremist, not a credible activist for racial harmony and peacemaking like me.
>
> Even the Southern Poverty Law Center, the most dedicated anti-racist organization in America, lists black separatist groups as "hate groups" along with the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazis, and others that favor whites.

No doubt, Wahid must have been embarrassed by my making one of his followers look stupid in public, and his getting me suspended AGAIN was his way of retaliating.

Meanwhile, the coward has fled Germany and moved to Australia.

https://wahidazal.blogspot.com/2019/12/back-in-australia-here-is-why.html

Since this asshole has lied about me being "racist" and lied about the moderators of the exBahai subreddit being agents of the Haifan Baha'is, what else could he have been lying about? Is it possible that he murdered his wife? Or did he even have a wife and daughter at all? Were those two family members, and the later death of his wife, made up by Wahid to gain public sympathy? Perhaps we will never know. He is responsible for so much fakery on the internet (even while accusing others of having fake identities), that it is impossible to be sure of anything about him now.

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WAHID AZAL VS CHRIS BENNETTE

One of the most notable characteristics of a toxic narcissist is that they are addicted to drama, including picking fights with anyone that differs from them or refuses to follow them. They never learn from their mistakes because they already believe they are perfect, so they see all others as lesser beings. If you are not one of their loyal followers, you are their enemy….there is no third category of person for them. Nowhere is this more obvious than with Wahid Azal, as I myself have documented over several years on this very blog. His making an enemy of me enabled me to destroy what little credibility he ever had by documenting all his bullshit and treachery at me and others.

Now, that idiot has picked another fight with another blogger on substack: Chris Bennett, who specializes in reporting on the relationship between drugs and religion. Below are links to their blog entries attacking each other.

Those of Chris Bennett:

https://substack.com/home/post/p-178087969

Also found here: https://www.cannabisculture.com/content/2025/11/05/getting-high-with-the-bab-the-drug-infused-origins-of-the-bahai-some-notes/

An account of the Babis' involvement in drugs. Wahid Azal professes to be a Babi.

https://substack.com/home/post/p-178295073

Also found here: https://www.cannabisculture.com/content/2025/11/16/questions-about-the-2014-iranian-psychedelic-fatwa-and-wahid-azal/

Bennett's first direct attack on Azal himself, questioning the credibility of his claim regarding a certain Iranian Islamic leader's endorsement of drug use.

https://substack.com/home/post/p-179057562

Also found here: https://www.cannabisculture.com/content/2025/11/20/the-strange-case-of-wahid-azal-bayan-messiah-or-blaspheming-madman/

Bennett's second attack, giving extensive details of Azal's life, included a long part about his feud with me that Bennett titles "**The Dale Husband Saga".**

> **Dale Husband is a former Bahá'í turned Unitarian Universalist and outspoken ex-Bahá'í activist, who runs a blog called "Dale Husband's Intellectual Rants" focused on religious skepticism and critiques of organized religion. His relationship with Wahid Azal began as a notable online alliance in regards anti-Bahá'í rhetoric, but devolved into a bitter, public feud marked by accusations of betrayal, slander, and legal threats. Below, I'll break down how it began and ended, based primarily on Husband's detailed blog documentation and cross-referenced public records like podcasts and Reddit posts.**

I should clarify that I was actually a UU before converting to the Baha'i Faith and I became a Baha'i because I was convinced it had the same values as Unitarian Universalism. Learning how messed up that cult actually was drove me right back to UUism. And my blog deals with many other issues besides religion, as the list of my blog's many categories makes clear. But ALL my blog entries here are driven by my dedicated ethical values.

Wahid, like most narcissists, was very good at showing his "good" side towards me to gain my trust, and I can only assume, in hindsight, that he was hoping I would eventually be converted to his own wacko Bayani/Marxist teachings.

Once it became clear to him I would never become his follower (I am both an ATHIEST and **anti-Communist**), he discarded me. The split between him and me was inevitable; my rejecting his bullshit in the exBaha'i subreddit merely helped bring it about when it did.

https://substack.com/home/post/p-179978814

Here Bennett responds to some of Wahid's attacks on him.

And as for those attacks.....

https://wahidazal303.blogspot.com/2025/11/the-reefer-reich-how-chris-bennetts-der.html

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179659410

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179810294

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179903062

In which Azal defends himself against Bennett's denial of the authenticity of his claims regarding the Iranian Islamic leader's endorsement of drug use.

https://wahidazal303.blogspot.com/2025/11/racialised-polemics-violent-epistemic.html

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179697242

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179796245

https://substack.com/@wahidazal66/p-179913019

It's kind of funny how Azal tries to depict Bennett as some sort of neo-Nazi. Just because someone questions your credibility doesn't mean you can call your opponent racist. Does Azal even know or care what actual racism is? Incidentally, Bennett himself directed me to view two of Azal's responses. Needless to say, I wasn't impressed. Same shit, different day and topic, eh?

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH ROBIN DIANGELO'S APPROACH TO RACISM?

Read this:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robin_DiAngelo

> **Robin Jeanne DiAngelo** (née **Taylor**; born September 8, 1956)[1] is an American author working in the fields of critical discourse analysis and whiteness studies.[2][3] She formerly served as a tenured professor of multicultural education at Westfield State University and is currently an affiliate associate professor of education at the University of Washington. She is known for her work pertaining to "white fragility", an expression she coined in 2011 and explored further in a 2018 book entitled *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.
>
> DiAngelo was born Robin Jeanne Taylor into a working-class family in San Jose, California, the youngest of three daughters born to Robert Z. Taylor and Maryanne Jeanne DiAngelo.[3][4]
>
> She lived with her mother in poverty until her death from cancer, after which she and her siblings lived with her father. She became a single mother with one child in her mid-20s, and worked as a waitress before beginning college at the age of 30.[5]
>
> In her youth, she saw that her poverty led to class oppression, though it was only later in life that she identified personally benefiting from white privilege, even while being "poor and white".[6] In 2018, DiAngelo stated that her "experience of poverty would have been different had [she] not been white".[6]

What drew her to this conclusion? Did she have an experience with police similar to mine many years ago?

Police misconduct is not just about killing black people.

But then again.....skin color alone must NEVER be the issue. O J Simpson literally got away with murder by playing the race card.....with a legal dream team he could afford as a rich celebrity. A poor person, whether black or white, facing the same charges O J did would almost certainly have been sent to prison for those murders. The case of Bill Cosby, serial rapist, is another example.

Also, white people, Americans, and liberals are not the enemy. White supremacy, corruption in capitalism, and misrepresenting liberalism are the enemy. You are not promoting truth or justice when you paint ALL members of any group with the same brush. Like, I condemn Israel and the Zionists that run it, but I don't hate all Jews. I abhor Islamic states, but I don't hate all Muslims We should always be judged as individuals, period. It's what you DO that defines your character, not what GROUP of any kind you are said to belong to.

I am a white person, but I am also one that came from a working class family. I have also worked alongside black people for most of my life, so the idea that ALL white people are better off in this society than ALL black people strikes me as the most absurd form of nonsense. A black person who works the same job as me is my equal, no less. And a black manager or executive of the company I work for is my superior.

Here is the listing for DiAngelo's most famous book in Beacon Press.

https://www.beacon.org/White-Fragility-P1631.aspx

Another book she has written is:

https://www.beacon.org/Nice-Racism-P1678.aspx

The description of it reads as follows:

> In *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo explained how racism is a system into which all white people are socialized and challenged the belief that racism is a simple matter of good people versus bad. DiAngelo also made a provocative claim: white progressives cause the most daily harm to people of color. In *Nice Racism*, her follow-up work, she explains how they do so. Drawing on her background as a sociologist and over 25 years working as an anti-racist educator, she picks up where *White Fragility* left off and moves the conversation forward.
>
> Writing directly to white people as a white person, DiAngelo identifies many common white racial patterns and breaks down how well-intentioned white people unknowingly perpetuate racial harm. These patterns include:

- rushing to prove that we are "not racist"
- downplaying white advantage
- romanticizing Black, Indigenous and other peoples of color (BIPOC)
- pretending white segregation "just happens"
- expecting BIPOC people to teach us about racism
- carefulness
- and feeling immobilized by shame.

> DiAngelo explains how spiritual white progressives seeking community by co-opting Indigenous and other groups' rituals create separation, not connection. She challenges the ideology of individualism and explains why it is OK to generalize about white people, and she demonstrates how white people who experience other oppressions still benefit from systemic racism. Writing candidly about her own missteps and struggles, she models a path forward, encouraging white readers to continually face their complicity and embrace courage, lifelong commitment, and accountability.

To put it bluntly, this does not help the cause of anti-racism one iota. It actually promotes racism against white people by indicating that any effort by white people to oppose racism by seeking unity with people of color is useless. No wonder so many whites refuse to support black politicians like Barack Obama. With allies like Robin DiAngelo talking down to them, anti-racist whites don't need enemies. They might even turn against the cause altogether and become racist because of dogmatic assertions like those of DiAngelo!

And I remember how disgusted I was by that radical feminist website many years ago.

The Bigotries of "Everyday Feminism"

As a white male person, I refuse to hate myself in order to fight racism or sexism, and if Robin DiAngelo thinks I should, that's her problem. It won't be mine!

Especially considering that Wahid Azal is a fan of that sort of hateful approach. And I know what a monster he is!

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WHY I ABANDONED THE (HAIFAN) BAHA'I FAITH

*Note: this is an updated and expanded version of an **original blog entry from nearly a decade ago**.*

From 1995 to 2004, I was a member of a religion known as the Baha'i Faith. This religion teaches that God is called by various names but is still the same all over the world, that all religions teach the same basic message, and that humanity is actually one race and is destined to unite under the banner of the Baha'i Faith in a new age of peace and unity.

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Also, I finally began to see that the Baha'i Faith also has errors, contradictions, and failures of its own, despite being less than 200 years old. It was my coming to understand this that finally led me to leave the Faith with a heavy heart. The **hypocrisies of the Baha'i Faith's own dogmas** can be summed up as follows:

1. State that religion no longer needs clergy……and replace them with leaders that are as authoritarian as the clergy ever was.
2. Claim that men and women should be equal……but then deny women membership in the all-powerful leadership council of the religion.
3. Condemn as heretics those who believe in your religion but dare to challenge the claims of your religion's current leadership, while at the same time claiming to welcome as friends the followers of other religions.
4. Claim there is harmony between science and religion, but also claim that anything your leaders say is absolutely true, even if on topics science is expected to address.
5. Claim to shun partisan politics, but favor a government of their own**,** which is as partisan as it gets.

Then there are the **scandals** I discovered which really disturbed me, even after I had left the Faith.

1. The Violation of Abdu'l-Baha – Baha'u'llah in the The Kitáb-i-Ahd, or Book of the Covenant (his Will and Testament) appointed Abdu'l-Baha as his successor, but also started that Abdu'l-Baha's younger brother Mirza Muhammad Ali should be below him in rank and also be his immediate successor. Abdu'l-Baha disobeyed this commandment by depriving Muhammad Ali of any rank and replacing him as successor with his grandson, Shoghi Effendi, in his own Will and Testament.

2. The Madness of Shoghi Effendi – Abdu'l-Baha, in the same Will and Testament that appointed Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Cause of God, stated that the Guardian must appoint either his firstborn or another branch (male descendant of Baha'u'llah) as his successor in his own lifetime. Shoghi Effendi not only had no children, but he expelled from the Baha'i community every single one of Abdu'l-Baha's own descendants, making it impossible for him to keep his grandfather's commandments. He also died in 1957 without leaving a Will and Testament of his own as required by Baha'i law, throwing the Faith into a crisis.
3. Failed prophecy cover up – An early edition of Baha'u'llah and the New Era by J. E. Esselmont stated a prophecy by Abdu'l-Baha that by 1957 "Universal Peace will be firmly established, a Universal language promoted. Misunderstandings will pass away. The Bahá'í Cause will be promulgated in all parts and the oneness of mankind established." But what really happened that year was Shoghi Effendi's death. The prophecy was deleted from later editions of the book.
4. Attack on Kalimat Press – In 2005 and 2006,The National Spiritual Assemblies of the Baha'is of the United States and the United Kingdom issued orders to Baha'i communities under their command to stop selling books published by Kalimat Press, a small Baha'i owned book publishing company, for publishing a few books that they happened to disapprove of. As a result, the company was crippled in its operations.
5. Dr. Hossein Danesh, sex offender – A member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Canada, Danesh was stripped of his psychiatric license in the 1990s after being accused by several of his patients of sexual abuse. Instead of being expelled from the Baha'i community, he was sent to the Baha'i Landegg "university" in Switzerland, a private school which failed in 2005. Returning to Canada, he was hired by the NSA of Canada as a marriage and family therapist for fellow Baha'is.
6. Italian Baha'i financial scandal – Franco Ceccherini, a longtime member of the Italian National Spiritual Assembly, was found in 2007 to have stolen over 360,000 euros over 14 years while serving as the Assembly's treasurer. This was discovered only when the Italian government audited the Baha'i community and then charged it 275,000 euros in back taxes, crippling financially the entire Italian Baha'i community.
7. Stephen Birkland, Baha'i secret police detective – In the 1990s, as a member of the Continental Board of Counselors for North America, Birkland led an investigation of Baha'is running an internet forum known as "Talisman" where members could openly question and debate issues regarding the management of the Baha'i communities. Birkland's abusive tactics drove several Baha'is, including Juan Cole and John & Linda Walbridge, to resign rather than be condemned as covenant-breakers for taking part in Talisman, which was then shut down. Birkand was later rewarded for his zeal by being appointed to the International Teaching Center in 2008 and then he was elected to the Universal House of Justice in 2010.

So at the end of 2004, **realizing that I had to remove myself from that community** outright as a matter of honor, I wrote the following to the National Spiritual Assembly (NSA) of the Baha'is of the United States:

> After years of investigation and soul-searching, I have finally come to the sad understanding that I can no longer bring myself to believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established in His name, including the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am totally convinced that the Baha'i Faith is doomed to fail in its mission to bring peace, unity, and a Golden Age to humanity and I therefore resign from my past membership in the Faith. Goodbye.
> Regretfully,
> Dale Husband

I composed that letter on my computer and then mailed it in January of 2005. A few weeks later, the NSA replied that they had accepted my resignation and expressed hope that I would one day decide to return. That looked like denial to me, so I dismissed it and threw away the letter. Then I cut completely all personal ties to the Baha'is in the Fort Worth

area. Despite this, I stayed silent about my defection from the Baha'i Faith until October 19, 2007, when I posted **my first blog entry attacking it**. Encouraged by the feedback I got as a result, I stepped up my efforts until I found myself in battle over the years with various members of my former religion, **all of whom only showed me why I had no business being among them anymore!**

I have joined the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and found its principles to be **far more enlightened** than those of the Haifan Baha'is. And better still, they truly LIVE those principles too!

- 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

I have every reason to believe that, unless the version of the Baha'i Faith led by the Universal House of Justice goes down to extinction in the next century or two, it will become as dangerous as any other religion has ever been. It is not dangerous now only because there are so few of them. But the fact is that this Faith is directly descended from the Shiite branch of Islam, which is known to be extremely violent and intolerant by nature. The Baha'i Faith, which was founded in the 19th Century, looks exactly like what one would expect if one took the most liberal Western political and social concepts of that Century and grafted them onto Shiite Islam. By implication, that also involves accepting everything about **Islam and its Prophet Muhammad** as true and good as well. Since Muhammad in his middle age was said in some stories to have married a CHILD bride, this strikes me as absurd!

Despite my rejection of most Baha'i teachings, I later supported my friend Eric Stetson's effort to establish a new **Unitarian Baha'i (UB) community**, blending Baha'i and Unitarian Universalist ideas. It may be the only way to save the Baha'i Faith itself from continuing to degenerate into a destructive cult. If the UBs do not succeed, the Baha'i Faith itself must be destroyed instead!
I am a non-theist now, worshipping no God and refusing to adhere to any other religion than that of the UUA. And I do not foresee myself being anything else. The Baha'i Faith was the last chance I was willing to give for a God centered religion to rule my life....and now I know that none ever will.

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WHY I REJECTED THE BAHA'I FAITH, 4TH EDITION

The three previous accounts of my defection from the Baha'i Faith are as follows:

https://dalehusband.com/2007/10/19/why-i-quit-the-baha%e2%80%99i-faith/

https://dalehusband.com/2011/02/22/my-resignation-from-the-bahai-faith/

https://dalehusband.com/2017/01/22/why-i-abandoned-the-haifan-bahai-faith/

Here is the newest, most updated edition.

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Religious fundamentalism is blasphemy!

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The Fatal Flaw in Baha'i Authority

Baha'i Scandals

FIVE Ways to Create a Religion of Hypocrites

So at the end of 2004, realizing that I had to remove myself from that community outright as a matter of honor, I wrote the following to the National Spiritual Assembly (NSA) of the Baha'is of the United States:

After years of investigation and soul-searching, I have finally come to the sad understanding that I can no longer bring myself to believe in Baha'u'llah or any of the institutions established in His name, including the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. I am totally convinced that the Baha'i Faith is doomed to fail in its mission to bring peace, unity, and a Golden Age to humanity and I therefore resign from my past membership in the Faith. Goodbye.
Regretfully,
Dale Husband

I composed that letter on my computer and then mailed it in January of 2005. A few weeks later, the NSA replied that they had accepted my resignation and expressed hope that I would one day decide to return. That looked like denial to me, so I dismissed it and threw away the letter. Then I cut completely all personal ties to the Baha'is in the Fort Worth area. Despite this, I stayed silent about my defection from the Baha'i Faith until October 19, 2007, when I posted my first blog entry attacking it. Encouraged by the feedback I got as a result, I stepped up my efforts until I found myself in battle over the years with various members of my former religion, all of whom only showed me why I had no reason for being among them anymore! They were not nearly as good or as intelligent as I thought originally.

Baha'is must reject the Guardianship!

My Battle on Amazon with a Haifan Baha'i

Another Battle with a Haifan Baha'i, this time on Blogspot

Another Baha'i picks a fight with me on YouTube

Confronting Scott Hakala on Quora

I have joined the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and found its principles to be far more enlightened than those of the Haifan Baha'is. And better still, they truly LIVE those principles too!

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Despite my rejection of most Baha'i teachings, I later supported my friend Eric Stetson's effort to establish a new **Unitarian Baha'i** (UB) community, blending Baha'i and Unitarian Universalist ideas. We thought it was the only way to save the Baha'i Faith itself from continuing to degenerate into a destructive cult. But the UBs remain an online community of only a few dozen members and even Stetson left it to return to liberal forms of Christianity.

In 2018, I joined Reddit and a **subreddit for former Baha'is** and have been mostly focused on discrediting the Baha'i Faith and promoting Unitarian Universalism there. This led me into more battles with Baha'is and increased my determination to see the Baha'i Faith crash and burn into total oblivion.

Treachery of Baha'is @ reddit

Muslim-bashing and Libel Against Ex-Baha'is in Reddit

Is the Baha'i community disintegrating?

Another victory over the Baha'i Faith and one of its bigoted hypocrites

I am a non-theist now, worshipping no God and refusing to adhere to any other religion than that of the UUA. And I do not foresee myself being anything else. The Baha'i Faith was the last chance I was willing to give for a God centered religion to rule my life….and now I know that none ever will.

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WHY I QUIT THE BAHA'I FAITH.

A decade ago, I was a member of a religion known as the **Baha'i Faith**. This religion teaches that God is called by various names but is still the same all over the world, that all religions teach the same basic message, and that humanity is one and is destined to unite under the banner of the Baha'i Faith in a new age of peace and unity.

For one who is eager, as I was, to see goodness in most things that claim to be good, this was a Godsend! I embraced the faith in 1995 and became an active teacher of it, even attempting to convert others to it. I had been a Christian in my teens, but had become disgusted with Christianity and left that faith in my early 20s because I saw the errors, contradictions, and failures of it. The Baha'i Faith explained that away by claiming that while Jesus was indeed a Messenger (or Manifestation) of God, His faith had become corrupted over time and thus most Christians were not truly following him, but the doctrines of men. In joining the Baha'i community, I was seeing what the early Christians in the Roman Empire were like, except that unlike them the Baha'is would not split into competing sects and engage in wars against each other. If only everyone in the world became Baha'i, I was told, we would be at peace and prosperity forever.

What a wonderful vision! But human nature will NEVER allow for it! The reason is that the leadership of the Baha'i Faith, from its founder, Baha'u'llah, to the Universal House of Justice today, claims to be infallible because it is guided by God. Yet we know that Baha'u'llah, his son Abdu'l-Baha, Abdu'l-Baha's grandson Shoghi Effendi (the Guardian of the Faith), and the members of the Universal House of Justice were/are all HUMAN BEINGS. What evidence do we have that ANY of them are infallible? NONE! And if you cannot question the will of a leadership, what do you in fact have? Tyranny! And what does tyranny always lead to, according to history? Corruption and injustice! And that, in turn results in the system breaking down over time. It was my coming to understand this that finally led me to leave the Faith in 2004. Indeed, the very idea that any human being, human run institution, or human product is infallible is sheer nonsense. It is the most dangerous idea in the world!

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I have every reason to beleive that, unless the Baha'i Faith goes down to extinction in the next few centuries, it will become as corrupt and dangerous as any other religion has ever been. It is not dangerous now only because there are so few of them. But the fact is that this Faith is directly descended from the Shiite branch of Islam, which is known to be extremely violent and intolerant by nature. The Baha'i Faith, which was founded in the 19th Century, looks exactly like what one would expect if one took the most liberal Western political and social concepts of that Century and grafted them onto Shiite Islam. By implication, that also involves accepting everything about Islam and its Prophet Muhammad as true and good as well. If you do not, you cannot be Baha'i. That is the Baha'i Faith's greatest weakness!

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WHY DO RELIGIONS PRODUCE SO MANY HYPOCRITES?

I used to think that hypocrisy in religious communities was exceptional and could be easily dealt with once discovered. Now I'm not so sure.

Look at this discussion:

> Ex Bahai need advice
> by inexbahai
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> I need some advice. My family has strong roots to the bahai religion . Both my mom and dad left Iran at a young age during the iranian revolution to practice their religion in America . My dad is part of the spiritual assembly. My parents hosts allot of feasts at our house and are well known in the community. As a kid I was made to go to Sunday school allot and made to attend some of those bahai youth camps . At the age of 15 I had to sign a bahai card in front of everyone at the feast because If I didn't my parents would be embarrassed and be sad so I signed it . After that day I signed my card I told my dad I really don't believe in this faith. I could never wrap my head around why Bahá'u'lláh had three wives and women not being able to serve in the universal house of justice. One of the main reasons that turned me off about the faith was the constant discussion of how to get more new followers . Every feast I attended we literally talked about how to get new members and discussing different ways to teach the faith to non believers. In Sunday's school and in youth camps , this was always the topic for the most part . In spite of all of this I made an agreement with my parents not to officially make myself not a bahai but I let them know I don't believe in any of this this . The reason I did this is because my parents would really be sad and it would be an embarrassing situation for my dad because he is part of the spiritually assembly . If I wanted to withdraw from the Bahai faith it would be brought up in one of his spiritual assembly meetings. Everyone in the spiritual assembly is my dads close friends and they always go over to each others houses . I've been trying to talk to my parents about leaving the faith and I always bring up really good points of why to leave it but they always are in denial and never give me answers to my questions . One day I asked my dad what makes you so sure about this faith and he said my great grandmother met Bahá'u'lláh. They get really emotional after I question the faith in front of them,sometimes angry at me or sometimes sad . They're in there late 50s right now . My question is do you think it's too late for them to leave the faith . Do you think they're too far in it ? I really feel like they're brain washed . They were taught about the faith at a very young age . Everything around them and all there friends were Bahai. Bahai everything . Do I continue question their faith in front of them or just let them be? Sorry for the bad grammar.

I offered some advice, but it is more interesting what others said there.

> Toivonen889
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> Wow, okay there is a lot to un-box here. Regarding your parents, yes from what you've shared it does seem they're fully entrenched in their belief system. For you however, you need to ask yourself some questions.
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> 1. Is it safe to leave?

I don't know what the finer details your situation are, but I have seen Persian Baha'i parents shun and disown their teenage sons and daughters over this issue. It's truly heartbreaking. You would have to estimate how they would react to you rejecting their worldview openly, and what the fallout from that might look like. I understand reputation is of importance in Persian culture, and you're worried what this might do to your father's reputation. You will need to carefully consider that too when trying to predict how he will react.

2. Is it healthy for you to stay?

On the other hand, you need to consider the toll that living a life that is inauthentic will have on your mental health. I did that for years before I left and I still get emotional when I think of the regrets I have. Mainly regretting going through the motions to maintain an appearance of engagement in something I was starting to have profound disagreements with.

I really hope you're able to make the right decision for yourself, whatever that may be. While many of us on this sub have differering affiliations now, we all went through difficulties when we started to move away from the faith. Best of luck to you!

Then a Baha'i barged in. A bit of background: This particular Baha'i was so much a contrarian that he was actually banned from the **Bahai subreddit**, so he went to the **exBahai subreddit** instead, where oddly enough, the mods there almost never took action against him. The reason for that will become clear soon.

trident765

I will defend the Faith a bit:

I could never wrap my head around why Bahá'u'lláh had three wives and women not being able to serve in the universal house of justice.

About the three wives, my view is that a prophet is above his laws. The religious book is there to help guide people to doing good. But if you can communicate directly with God, you do not need to observe what is in the book to do what is good.

As for women on the UHJ, my view is that women are just unfit to be in the highest position of authority. It is in women's nature to follow whatever is the dominant trend, and this is not good for leading a religion. All moral laws would be compromised if they conflict with trends. For example, if women were on the UHJ, there is no question they would have already declared gay marriage to be permissible in the Bahai Faith.

One of the main reasons that turned me off about the faith was the constant discussion of how to get more new followers . Every feast I attended we literally talked about how to get new members and discussing different ways to teach the faith to non believers.

I think you are perfectly justified in being turned off by these people. But it is not Bahaullah's writings that tell them to do this, but an insane proselytism culture that now dominates the Bahai community, which views converting others as being the main if not only goal of the Bahai Faith. If you read Bahaullah's writings, you will find that this culture in no way stems from him. There are some passages where Bahaullah encourages teaching, but there are also passages where he discourages it in some cases. For example, Bahaullah says that you should teach yourself before teaching others. He also says that it is not acceptable for people who are not firm believers to teach. This is the exact opposite of what the Baha'i community does – for example, the entire goal of Ruhi is to trick non-believers into acting as missionaries for the Bahai Faith.

So we went after him!

shessolucky

Pretty sure you are alone in your views on this subreddit

“The prophet is above his laws?” “Women are unfit to be in a high position of authority,” but women and men are also equal? The mental gymnastics you have to do in order to believe what you said is astounding.

I do not think Jesus Christ or Moses would ever believe they were above the Ten Commandments or the Gospel.

You’re telling this to a teen who is about to leave this religion as soon as they can. You’re definitely not encouraging this person to stay in your faith.

Then he said:

trident765

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One of the commandments is “Thou shalt not kill” and Moses killed people on multiple occasions. Prophets do not follow their own rules for the same reason that a dog owner might make a rule for his dog that he does not follow himself.

Higher beings require less rules. The highest being, God, does not need to follow any rules.

Then I decided to nail him to the wall!

Seeker_Alpha1701

“Rules for thee, not for me” is the very definition of hypocrisy, which Jesus actually condemned.

And since you opened the door for this…..

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https://dalehusband.com/2018/02/24/god-was-a-hypocrite/

When God (and his Messengers) do not follow their own rules, they open the door for rules to not matter at all. For anyone.

And that is why I, as a highly ethical ATHEIST and Unitarian Universalist, don’t need your kind of god-centered religion at all. I DO have strict rules and principles and I seek to obey them in all ways.

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https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles



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WHY WE NEED A UNITARIAN BAHA'I FAITH

Vernon Lawson sent me this via e-mail, and it is one of the best statements about the Bahai Faith I've ever seen:

There are limits to the expansion of the Baha'i faith, as currently practiced, and arguments can be made that the administrative order is not appropriate. However, if the Baha'i faith is ever going to grow beyond its current numbers, it is Baha'u'llah, and not Abdu'l Baha, Shoghi Effendi or the Universal House of Justice, who will reach the majority of people that currently have no knowledge of the Baha'i faith. He will reach them through the current believers. Yes, the majority of the current believers have great loyalty to a particular administrative order. However, their approach to spreading the word has proven particularly ineffective. If those more open minded people, who recognize that Baha'u'llah's message is the message for today, spread the word more effectively that their administrative oriented breathren, then some day, maybe soon, the majority of Baha'is will not have this loyalty, or any concern about administrative orders. The ancient beauty is what matters here, not anything else. If we can reach just .2% of the human race, not exactly a tall order, then two thirds of Baha'is will not follow the current administrative order, and there could be some major changes in the way things are done. At 150 years into Christianity, the word had not gone far, primarily because they had not learned how to effectively market the faith yet. There is still hope for a significant growth of the faith. Go to any bookstore, and you'll see more space dedicated to "New Age" than all the other religions combined. What else you'll notice is NO Baha'i literature. That's because the boys in Haifa are determined to control this thing. Fine, they have complete control of an insanely small order. If, and when, we ever get entry by troops, it will be because we blow this thing wide open. Nobody controls who, how, what gets translated, nobody controls distribution of the word. The word is for everyone. That's when things can and will change.

To see what we are so concerned about, please review the following blog entires I made:

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https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2010/03/21/bahais-must-reject-the-guardianship/

https://dalehusband.wordpress.com/2010/03/27/i-am-not-an-orthodox-bahai/

Do not be decieved by the lies told about us by Haifan Baha'is that we are trying to destroy the Bahai Faith. We are trying to reform it. Unless we are successful, it is doomed to remain a cult of only a few million scattered around the world, with NO potential to change the world, including the nations currently dominated by Islam. You cannot replace one form of fundamentalism with another and expect the human condition to improve. Freedom of thought, respect for diversity, and willingness to openly question even the most basic doctrines will enhance rather than diminish the credibility of the Bahai Faith, if only we can successfully merge it with Unitarian Universalism.



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